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WASHINGTON BREAKING WITH VICHY REGIME

Spain Reported To Have Signed Up With Berlin

Authoritative circles in Lyons yesterday stated that an agreement has been signed between Germany and Spain authorising German troops to use Spanish territory in order to attack Gibraltar, states a report to the "Tribune de Geneve" from Lyons.

"Spain would take small part in this operation," continues the despatch, "and in return Germany would supply her with food."—Reuter.

VICHY POLICY OUT OF AGED MARSHAL'S FEEBLE HANDS

IN AN ARTICLE headed "Reversion to the Laval policy," "The Times" diplomatic correspondent says that last December Marshal Petain opposed Laval's scheme.

It was clearly a breach of the armistice terms and the Marshal repeatedly said he would cooperate with the Germans only within the terms of the armistice.

Friday's Score-- 7-1

A number of enemy aircraft crossed the south-east coast yesterday afternoon but were promptly met by strong formations of British fighters who beat them back.

Seven enemy fighters were destroyed—five by fighters and two by anti-aircraft gunfire.

One British fighter is missing but the pilot is safe, says an Air Ministry communique.—Reuter.

U.S. SEIZURE OF FOREIGN SHIPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The U.S. Maritime Commission has set in motion machinery for the speedy acquisition of 84 foreign vessels in U.S. ports, following Senate passage of the Administration's Ship Seizure Bill.—International News Service.

Since then, however, the Marshal has become still feebler, capable of sustained work for no more than two or three hours a day.

Much is kept from him. The new arrangements that fit in with the armistice are told him, the rest is withheld.

As for the French people as a whole, even less is told them. All news is given a German twist and the British are portrayed as greedy aggressors.

So far this propaganda is little believed, but it is all they get as news from their Government.—Reuter.

B. AND S. OFFICIALS ESCAPE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE B. AND S. COMPRADORE IN SHANGHAI, ABDUCTED BY AN ARMED GANG YESTERDAY MORNING IN FRONT OF THE OFFICES ON THE FRENCH BUND, WAS LATER RESCUED BY JAPANESE GENDARMERIE CARRYING OUT A ROUTINE SEARCH IN JESSFIELD ROAD.

The kidnappers escaped while the Japanese were searching the car, when the victim revealed his identity and related the incident.—International News Service.

Result Of Turnover To Berlin

FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE APPEAR TO HAVE COME TO AN END AND IT IS EXPECTED IN WASHINGTON THAT ADMIRAL LEAHY, UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR AT VICHY, WILL BE RECALLED SOON.

Strong American efforts to keep France out of the Axis camp appeared to have failed, and the French demarche and the statement of President Roosevelt that it was "inconceivable" that France should accept any "collaboration" which would imply an alliance with the Nazi regime, have wiped the Hess story from the front page.

Chief topic of conversation in Washington yesterday morning was what is likely to happen to French possessions on either side of the South Atlantic, namely Martinique, French Guiana and Dakar, in whose fate the United States is naturally very interested.

The French action has come as a distinct shock to the public, as well as to the Administration, and has brought to Washington a new realisation how close and important the war is to the United States.—Reuter.

Appeal To French People

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

President Roosevelt's extraordinary statement (adds International News) was issued even before the official translation of Petain's speech had been received, and followed an hour conference with Mr. Cordell Hull and Mr. Sumner Welles.

Plainly aiming his strong appeal directly to the French people to resist Axis blandishments, President Roosevelt asserted "It is inconceivable they will accept any agreement for so-called collaboration which, in reality, will imply their alliance with a military power whose central and fundamental policy calls for the utter destruction of liberty, freedom and popular institutions everywhere."

"The U.S. Government can hardly believe the present Government of France could be brought to lend itself to the plan of a voluntary alliance, implied or otherwise, which apparently delivers up France and its colonial empire, including the French African colonies and their Atlantic coasts, with the menace it involves to the peace and safety of the western hemisphere."—International News Service.

WHAT'S IN THAT CASE?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Important papers bearing on the Hess flight are reported to have been brought to London by Mr. Ivone Kirkpatrick in a fighter plane piloted by the Duke of Hamilton.

This development, which may shed light on the real reasons for Hess's sensational departure from Germany, came after Mr. Bevin had openly indicated his belief that Hitler may have been the author of the whole fantastic episode.

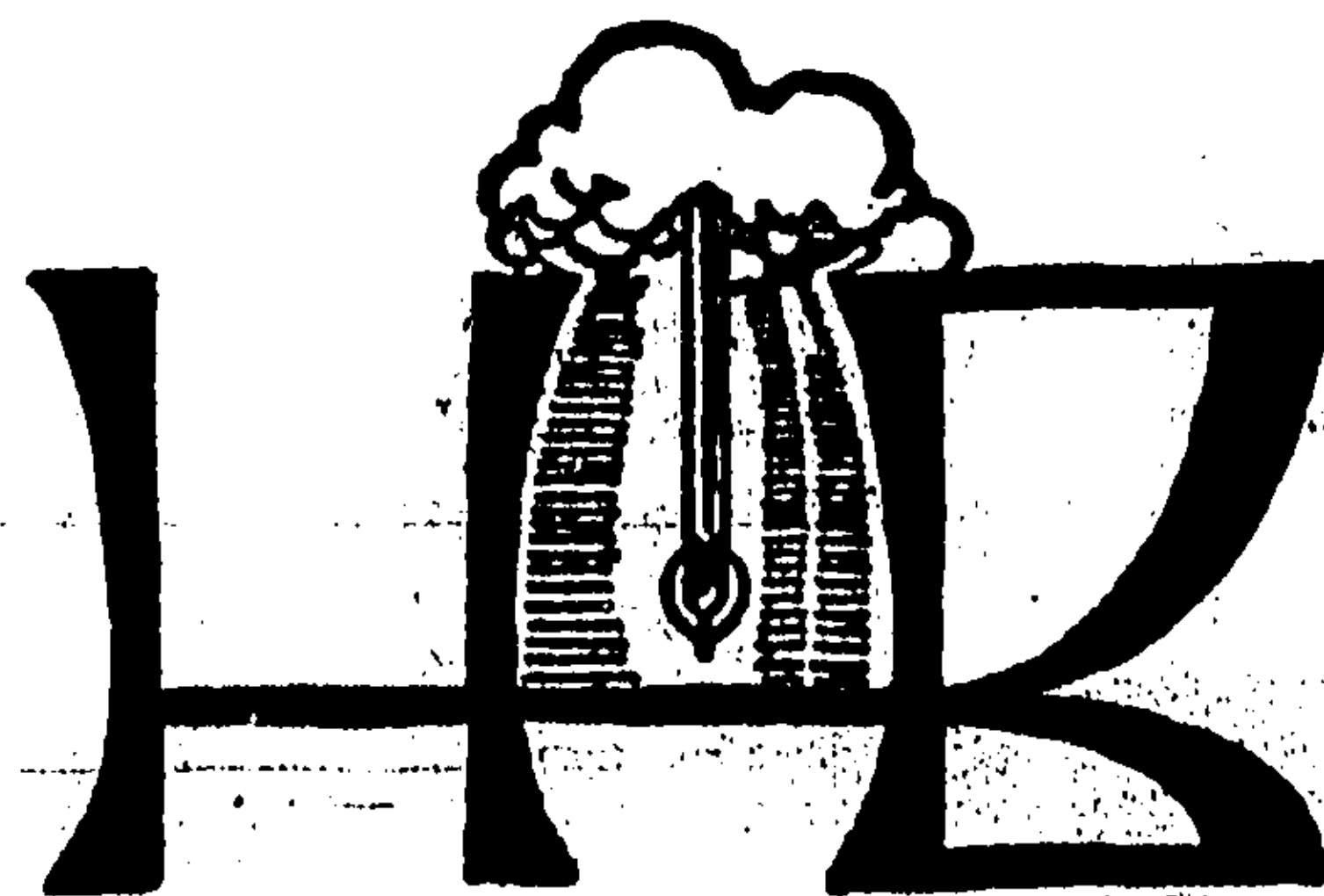
Carrying a double-locked dispatch case, containing some kind of papers, Mr. Kirkpatrick arrived with the Duke at a London aerodrome.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT BOTH IMMEDIATELY WENT INTO CONFERENCE WITH MR. CHURCHILL, AND LATER THE DUKE MET MR. DUFF-COOPER, THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION.

It was said the Duke may later prepare a written comment for the press.

Mr. Kirkpatrick spent four days interviewing Hess at the undisclosed Scottish military hospital where Hess is being kept under rigid guard. The Duke of Hamilton also frequently talked with Hess.—International News Service.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

"Utterly Impossible To Exaggerate Danger" To U.S.

Colonel Knox On "War Of Defence"

"THE WORLD MUST PREVENT THE RISE OF ANOTHER HITLER A SCORE OF YEARS HENCE," SAID COLONEL FRANK KNOX, U.S. SECRETARY OF NAVY, ADDRESSING THE GRADUATING CLASS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL AND WAR COLLEGE AT NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, YESTERDAY.

"We now intend to maintain our right of ever improving the lot of the common man, even though we must waste our substance in wars of defence to maintain it," he declared.

Calling for a strong U.S. Navy in time of peace as well as in time of war, Col. Knox declared that once disarmed, Germany had been enabled to challenge the world "only six short years" after Hitler became Chancellor.

RUSSIA LODGES A PROTEST IN WASHINGTON

Soviet Russia has formally protested to the United States, it was learned in Washington yesterday, against the detention of a Russian cargo of Argentine and Uruguayan wool and hides at San Francisco while in transit from South America. —Reuter.

INDIANS PAY A TRIBUTE

A glowing tribute to the gallantry of British troops and the R.A.F. was paid by a number of Indian evacuees from Iraq on their arrival at Karachi yesterday.

Two hundred, most of them women and children, arrived yesterday.

Interviewed by Reuter they said British troops and the R.A.F. effectively protected the British and Indian civil population, there not being a single casualty.

In the face of shelling and gunfire the R.A.F. carried out the evacuation gallantly, uninterruptedly and in perfect order. —Reuter.

WAR WEAPONS WEEK AFFECTS STOCKS

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was generally quiet, week-end consideration curtailing interest, but the undertone was mainly steady. Industrials and home rails were firmly held and tea shares improved but gilt-edged were down on lack of support ascribed to the coming London War Weapons Week. —Reuter.

"We can rest assured that when Germany and its will to force is ultimately defeated in Europe, another Hitler, 20 or 30 years hence, will be able to do the same in an even shorter period of time if the world again relinquishes its policing powers.

"Always in history there have risen up men drunk with the thought that they could rule the world. There have been Caesars, Genghis Khans, Napoleons and Hitlers since the days of the Pharaohs, and a credulous world has always thought each one was the last."

Col. Knox emphasised that all of them there equally shared the responsibility of devoting their lives to seeing that in future the Navy not be allowed to decline, "as has been done following every war since the American Revolution."

French Turnover To Germany

After saying "It is utterly impossible to exaggerate the moral danger of our country at this moment of history," Col. Knox, apparently referring to France, said:

"WHAT SEEMS THE SUBJUGATION OF A ONCE GREAT NATION APPEARS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY NEW FACTORS WHICH HAVE ENTERED INTO THIS SUBJUGATION."

Meanwhile Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy, interviewed at Newport, Rhode Island, yesterday, declared: "The most dramatic development of the past 24 hours was the turnover of the existing French Government of Vichy towards Germany."

The Vichy Government, he said, was in the clutches of the Germans and robbed of the direction of its own affairs.

"IT IS IN A HITLER SQUEEZE AND IS PAYING THE PENALTY OF BEING VANQUISHED IN THE WAR," HE ADDED.

Colonel Knox expressed the opinion that Rudolf Hess was sane but under the impression that someone had the finger on him and that he was "two jumps ahead of the gunman."

No Counting The Cost

When reminding his listeners that President Roosevelt was bearing a frightful burden on his shoulders, Col. Knox said that regardless of feelings or political affiliation "We owe that man every measure of support possible. Ours not to count the cost: ours to remember the freedom given us as a precious heritage." —Reuter.

and Kallrs occasionally were easier. Among foreign issues Czech and Belgian loans advanced but Egyptians receded half a point. Wall Street was barely steady. —Reuter.



HELP FOR THE MOTORISTS. Fixing new signposts to help traffic at an important cross-roads in the West Country. (Copyright, Fox).

ABYSSINIA FARCE STILL GOES ON

ACCORDING TO AN official communique issued in Nairobi yesterday, operations in all sectors are proceeding according to plan, with the occupation of Sciascimanna and the taking of more prisoners, while in the southern sector further widespread desertions from the enemy forces are reported.

An interesting situation is developing in the southern sector of Abyssinia near Lake Sciala, where for some time, despite difficult road and weather conditions, the King's African Rifles, moving forward from Adama, have thrust towards Sciascimanna past the central lakes.

After the capture of Fike they pressed forward on both sides of Sciala, west of which, after crossing the Gidu River, they advanced to Bubbisa.

The Italians had decided on a heavy counter-attack with increased forces and brought many batteries of artillery to bear.

Italian Retreat Threatened

After difficulties, due to rain, an attack was launched on both sides of Sciala and hard fighting ensued in the Bubbisa region, but east of Sciala the British forces hurled back the attack and resumed the initiative.

Crossing the Dabanda River on Wednesday, British forces captured nine light tanks, six field-guns, four anti-tank guns, and over 500 prisoners, including 20 officers, 400 European troops, and over 100 Africans.

It was essential for the Italians that they hold Sciascimanna, for its loss threatens the retreat towards Jimma of the powerful Italian forces still holding out south-east of Lake Margherita and on the roads leading to Daller from Yavello to Neghelli. —Reuter.

S. AFRICA PRODUCES THE ARMS

The Union Director-General of War Supplies in an official statement yesterday disclosed that members of the British Ministry of Supply Mission to the Delhi Conference of the Far Eastern Group of the British Commonwealth countries, recently revisited South Africa on their return to England where their safe arrival is now reported.

The party spent some time in the Union and collaborated with production directors and other officials of the organisation of the Director-General of War Supplies in reviewing comprehensively the Union's present and future programmes for the manufacture of munitions and other war supplies.

Visits were paid to all the main centres of production and valuable technical help was furnished on many matters in detail. Among the general conclusions resulting from the visit are that war supplies organisation has made a remarkable contribution to the war effort of the Commonwealth as a whole and the extended programme now in hand as a result of proposals at the Delhi Conference is within range of South Africa's engineering and industrial capabilities and is capable of further expansion.

The manufacture of anti-tank guns now assumes major importance in the gun programme.

To other big developments now in hand are a considerable expansion of aerial bomb production, explosives manufacture, shell ammunition, fuses, and small-arms ammunition manufacture, as well as intensified production of armoured cars.

Hundreds of South African armoured cars already have been used on two or three fronts and proved the spearhead of the mechanised thrust which made possible the astonishingly rapid sweep of South African and other British forces through Italian and British Somaliland and Abyssinia. —Reuter.

GESTAPO THREAT TO NORWEGIANS ON NATIONAL DAY

NORWEGIANS ARE liable to be sentenced to death by the Nazis if they disobey the order forbidding them to celebrate their national festival to-day.

The Germans have forbidden any kind of demonstration, public or private, throughout the country, according to Oslo Radio quoted by the Norwegian Telegraph Agency.

The Nazis have ordered that all work and business must be carried on as usual although this is traditionally Norway's principal national holiday. Any violation of this regulation will be punished in accordance with the German Commissar's Proclamation on March 21, 1941, prescribing the death penalty for "any interference with the smooth working of any undertaking of

importance for German defence or for supplies of the Norwegian people." —Reuter.

SHANGHAI PUZZLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The absence of Mr. Yu Lin-hsi, Chinese pro-Chungking member of the Council, from the Provisional Shanghai Council meetings is puzzling the authorities. It is feared he has been kidnapped or forced to leave Shanghai, but close friends deny the suggestion. —International News Service.

BRITAIN'S DESERT SUCCESS

Shock Administered Hitler's "Palm-Tree Boys"

Forerunner Of Allied Offensive?

CONTINUING THE SERIES OF OPERATIONS WHICH HAVE REPULSED THE GERMAN FIVE-POINTED THRUST AND FLUNG THEM BACK TO THEIR ORIGINAL POSITIONS, BRITISH TROOPS CONSISTING OF INFANTRY WITH MECHANISED VEHICLES AND SOME SMALL SUPPORT BY THE R.A.F., HAVE EJECTED THE ENEMY FROM SOLLUM MYSAD.

This is an upper Sollum village on the top of the escarpment and Musaid Pass, six or seven miles south-east of Sollum.

It was a limited operation with the usual scrapping, but no details of personnel casualties are yet available.

The Amba Alagi operations continue steadily with a slow dribble of prisoners and deserters daily with the Italians in a growingly uncomfortable position.

Further south, there were widespread Italian desertions particularly among the native levies troops.

Within Range Of Bardia

The capture of Musaid Village is indeed praiseworthy because of the stark grey cliffs rising sharply from Sollum which offer the greatest advantages to forces defending Musaid from attack from the direction of Sollum.

Its billiard table escarpment top provides defending forces with a perfect artillery platform enabling them to see attacking forces and harass them in the plain below.

In addition Halfaya Pass is within gun range of Bardia, which is still held by a German garrison.

Although full details of the action are at present lacking, it is evident that the Imperial forces showed outstanding gallantry and fought like tigers, sweeping up the face of the escarpment and over Hell-Fire Pass.

Opens A Road

THE RETAKING OF MUSSAID IS OF THE GREATEST MILITARY IMPORTANCE SINCE IT OPENS THE WAY FOR FURTHER ACTION ALONG THE ROLLING SAND OF THE ESCARPMENT TOP TOWARDS LIBYA.

Cairo military circles are optimistic that Thursday's success is the forerunner of tactics which will shake Hitler's "palm tree Boys" to the core, teaching them that the Libyan desert is no place for the Nazi war machine to play either with nature or with the British troops steered in years of hard desert training. —Reuter.

SHANGHAI TAXES QUESTION

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA-MAIL"]

A four-hour meeting was held in Shanghai yesterday on the collection of taxes in the outside roads area between the S.M.C. Secretary and the Shanghai City Government's Finance Commissioner.

Details have not been divulged though it is understood the preliminary discussions are being referred to the respective higher authorities. — International News Service.

ANZACS' GOOD WORK

A squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force which has rendered excellent service in the battle of the Western Desert, was complimented recently by Lieut. General O'Connor, the Officer Commanding Troops in the Western Desert.

General O'Connor flew to the Australians' advanced landing ground and met all the pilots. He was received by the Squadron Leader, and, after being introduced to each pilot, expressed his thanks for the work they have done. He indicated that, in the future, they might be called upon to an even greater extent.

During their first nine weeks in the Desert this Australian Squadron took part in four air battles. They have been responsible for destroying sixteen Italian aircraft for certain. They, themselves, have lost only two pilots.

In their fourth battle, they encountered the "Bardia Circus"—ten S.79's, escorted by three formations of C.R. 42's—forty or fifty fighters in all. One formation of fighters was put to flight with the bombers; a single Australian pilot engaged another group, while seven other Australians made the main attack on a formation of twenty-five C.R.'s. Ultimately, the single pilot spun away, but not until he had given great assistance to his comrades, who were engaged in the chief attack at a lower altitude.

Meanwhile, the other seven Australians had shot down two of the enemy and badly damaged three or four others.

This fight was witnessed by the Australian ground staffs, who cheered themselves hoarse at the great fight put up by their pilots. Five of the latter were engaged in their first air battle.

One of the Australians, a Flight Lieutenant, made a dive attack, and sent an Italian aircraft swooping into the sea in full view of certain units of our Navy. The same pilot probably got another, but this is unconfirmed.

In a previous fight, in which they lost one pilot, two more of the Australians 'baled out.' In one case the centre section of the aircraft had been shot away, causing the wings partially to fold. The pilot, a fair-haired youth, had to disentangle himself from a maze of struts and wires before he was free to jump with his parachute.



IN THE GUN TURRET. The working of the gun turret and aircraft repairs is included in the training for members of the ground personnel of the Royal Air Force. Here is an unusual study in the gun turret of a machine. (Copyright, Fox).

BRITISH TO TAKE OFFENSIVE

MR. A. W. FADDEN, ACTING AUSTRALIAN PREMIER, MADE A STATEMENT IN SYDNEY YESTERDAY IN WHICH HE SAYS: "UNFORTUNATELY THE SITUATION IN IRAQ HAS NOT CLEARED SO RAPIDLY AS WAS AT FIRST HOPED. THOUGH ACTUAL MILITARY OPERATIONS ARE FAVOURABLE TO THE BRITISH FORCES, THE REBELS HELD OUT LONG ENOUGH TO ALLOW THE DESPATCH OF AT LEAST SOME GERMAN ASSISTANCE.

"The public opinion of the Empire will certainly endorse the decision of the United Kingdom Government to take decisive action against German aircraft, even on Syrian territory. Obviously early, sharp measures are desirable.

"The acquiescence of the Syrian authorities in German plans for intervention in Iraq is doubtless under the orders of Vichy, which is one indication—there may be graver ones to follow—of the lamentable slide of the resistance hitherto maintained by the French Government to pressure from the Germans.

"Unofficial reports seem to leave little doubt that the concessions by Vichy amount to a most substantial degree of French complicity in German plans of extending hostilities both to the Middle East and North Africa.

Offensive In Desert?

"I think I can say the past week has given increased grounds for confidence in regard to the defence of Egypt.

"The delay in the Cyrenaica offensive has given time for reinforcement of our position, which has been used to good purpose by the Navy and Air Force, which have severely damaged the enemy's lines of reinforcements and supply.

"The spirited defence of Tobruk by Australian troops has also

helped check the German initiative, and now in both the Tobruk and Sollum areas the Allies are in a position to take offensive action.

"Three other factors are strongly in our favour.

"First, the enemy is suffering difficulties in maintaining machines and transport under summer desert conditions.

"Second, our strength in armoured vehicles is increasing.

"Third, the Navy, with the end of the Greek campaign, has a far wider radius of action along the North African coast." —Reuter.

COMFORT FOR POLICE

Squash courts, made under the direction of Amr Bey, British amateur and open champion, a dance-hall, games room, hobbies room, and gymnasium are features of Trenchard House, Scotland Yard's latest type of police section house in Broadwick Street, Soho.

Every policeman has his own room, with hot and cold water

CHUNGKING APPLAUDS MR. EDEN

Mr. Anthony Eden's speech in the House of Commons, expressing Britain's policy to support China's struggle for independence, was warmly received in Chinese circles in Chungking, creating a most favourable impression.

Chinese quarters particularly welcome the statement at the present time when there has been much talk of the possibility of Britain changing her Far Eastern policy as a result of the latest European developments.

All Chinese newspapers commented on the speech yesterday morning, unanimously expressing appreciation of Britain's sympathy especially since Britain herself was facing probably the most critical period in her history. —Reuter.

"MAKE MEN PAY"

Dr. Edith Summerskill, M.P., told a meeting of women Civil Servants in London that now was their chance to protest against "all the stupid conditions" imposed on them, such as the marriage bar.

She added: "It is possible for a woman Civil Servant to live with a man and everybody winks at it; but if she dares to marry the man she is immediately considered quite unfit for her job."

The meeting was called to protest against inequalities in the new cost of living bonus under which men are to receive 2s. 6d. a week more than women—10s. against 7s. 6d.

Dr. Summerskill said the reason for discrimination against women in rates of pay was their own apathy. They would not agitate and talk; they were just like married women whose only contribution to conversation at home was "Yes, dear."

"Now is your time to strike for equal pay," she said. "Men need you. Tell them your price."

"Why should your patriotism be exploited?"

"After the war you can shout and scream to your heart's content. You will not be heard."

FOUND A WIFE BY A PICTURE

"ROMANCE OFTEN COMES THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY," WRITES YEVONDE, THE WELL-KNOWN PHOTOGRAPHER (WHO IS MRS. EDGAR MIDDLETON), IN HER FASCINATING LIFE-STORY, "IN CAMERA" (GIFFORD, LTD., 2s. 6d. NET).

She tells how, when Valerie Taylor brought her motor-husband to meet her, he said "I saw in a magazine a picture you had taken of Valerie, and I said, 'That is the sort of girl I should like to marry.' Two years later we met, and here we are."

Intimate close-ups of celebrities—from Gaby Deslys, a king's mistress, "whose manner was almost shy," to Shaw, "my best sister"—are given by Yevonde, who went with her cousin, Sir Malcolm Campbell, to Daytona, where he beat the world's speed record. A light-hearted, amusing book by a brave and clever woman.

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HOME GUARD MANOEUVRES. Members of the Home Guard have been undergoing manoeuvres "somewhere in Bedfordshire." In this picture a "Fifth Column prisoner" is marched off. (Copyright, Fox).

NEVILE HENDERSON CALLS RUDOLF HESS A FANATIC

RUDOLF HESS WAS DESCRIBED AS "AN ABSOLUTELY FANATICAL SUPPORTER OF THE NAZI SYSTEM, WHO WAS HONEST AND SINCERE," BY SIR NEVILE HENDERSON, FORMER BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN BERLIN, MAKING HIS FIRST PRONOUNCEMENT AT STAMFORD, Lincs, YESTERDAY ON THE ESCAPE OF THE DEPUTY FUEHRER.

Sir Neville considered it out of the question that Hess had come to Britain on a secret mission, because of the impression the flight had created in Nazi Germany.

"In my opinion," he said, "he has become convinced in the last two years that Nazism as it has developed is on the wrong track and that it is being used to serve the private ends of the thorough-going scoundrels of Germany, such as Himmler, Ribbentrop, Ley and the general party bosses, who act solely for themselves."

Sir Neville, who knew Hess very well while in Germany, said "I regard Hess as the adopted son of Hitler; a man to whom Hitler was devoted, who was devoted to Hitler."

"He was one of the first men to join the Nazi movement. I think his number is 21 and Hitler's seven, and it is considered a distinction in Germany to be among the first 100."

Not A Spy

"I don't know much more than you do about his flight but I do know Hess."

Sir Neville did not think Hess had come to Britain to give away German secrets, nor had he come as a spy.

The momentous step which he had taken and which he knew would cause fury and resentment on the part of his leader, showed how deep feeling must be in Germany to-day.

WHAT HESS HAD DONE WAS TO ACCELERATE GERMANY'S WAR EFFORT. THEY WOULD TRY TO FORCE THE ISSUE BEFORE NEXT WINTER.

When the hope was expressed that "Government would not make a fool of Hess," Sir Neville replied "You can be quite easy. Government will not treat Hess as anything but a Nazi."—Reuter.

BRITISH MINE AREA EXTENDED

The British Government have given notice that the limits of areas in the Mediterranean which had been declared dangerous to shipping in February and in April, 1941, have been extended.

They now include all waters to the east of a line drawn from Ras el Kanans in the direction of 024 degrees to a point three miles 180 degrees from Cape Khelldonia, in Turkey, with the exception of Turkish territorial waters.

Any vessel sailing in these areas without the permission of the British naval authorities will do so at its own risk and peril.—Reuter.

QUISLING KING IN CROATIA

Proclamation of the future "King of Croatia" may be expected at the beginning of next week, in the opinion of well-informed circles in Rome, states the German official news agency.

The agency quotes a despatch from the Italian capital.—Reuter.

SHOCKING BLOW TO MORALE

William Simms, foreign editor of the "New York World-Telegram," says that Hess's flight will certainly have a considerable effect on the masses.

The "New York Sun" columnist thinks it represents a major German defeat and that the repercussion at home and abroad is growing.

The peoples of the fatherland, he says, are shocked and gravely concerned, while the Allied morale has skyrocketed.

Hitler's greatest problem is to safeguard his people's morale from this shocking blow.—Reuter.



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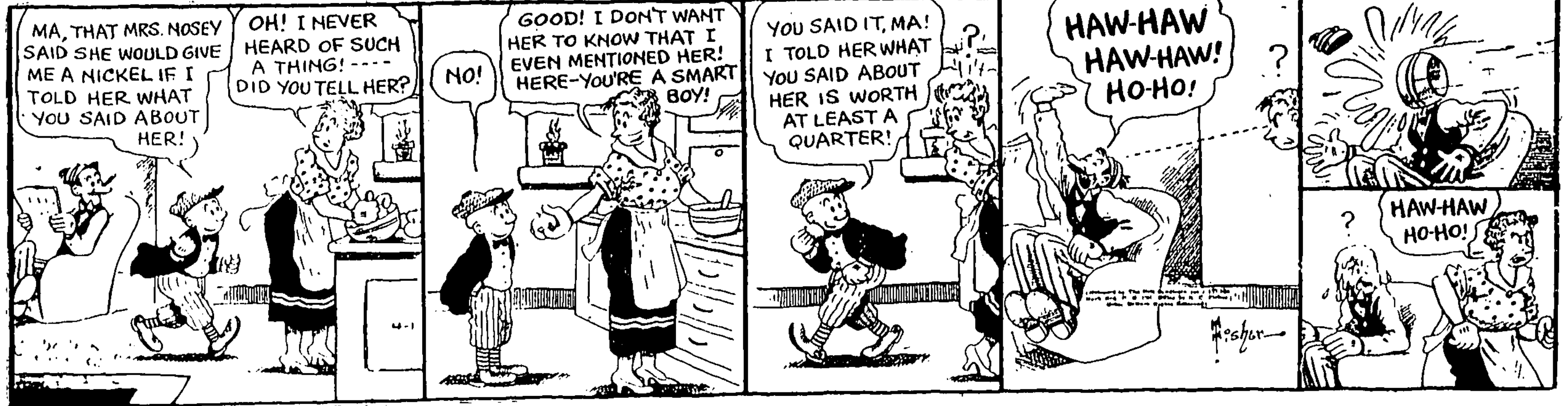
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GIRLS ARE TAKING SNUFF

Women are taking to snuff. In munition factories, aeroplane works and cotton mills, where smoking is forbidden, girls can be seen taking snuff and trying not to sneeze.

They say it is pleasanter and less expensive than smoking. The "Daily Mirror" was told by a Manchester tobaccoist:

"If I'm out of cigarettes," he said, "I recommend customers to try snuff as an alternative. It's surprising how many girls and young men take to it."

Most tobacco firms have a snuff department: one of them is producing 2,000lb. a month.

"I think the varied scents are beginning to attract the women-folk," said Mr. Leslie Osborne, snuff expert.

"Wallflower, attar of roses, menthol, geranium: you can make about twenty flavours by sprinkling the perfume on powdered tobacco stalks if you know how."

HE DROPS "SIR", IS NOW AC/2

A stocky, pink-cheeked Englishman climbed into a plane with his instructor at a Canadian air training school and whisked away into the moon sky for his "lesson."

The story is told by a Canadian correspondent who has been touring the training schools in Eastern Canada.

A battle pilot just down from a flight reported that he had run into a number of North American "Harvards and Yales" from one of the training schools.

CHURCHILL'S RETORT

Cheers and laughter greeted a retort by Mr. Churchill, Prime Minister, in the House of Commons when he was asked by Mr. Gallacher (Communist M.P. for West Fife) if he would set up a committee to inquire into "the composition of the personnel of the members of the House."

"I see no reason to set up such a committee," Mr. Churchill replied. "If it were set up it would have to inquire into, among other things, the evils of the selection of candidates who might be mere pawns or utensils in the hands of foreign organisations."

LIFE WAS SAVED BY LOVE

As another of Greece's heroes, Ioanis Casakos, lay dying of pneumonia and wounds in an Albanian front line hospital, he had one last request to his doctor.

Feebly pushing aside his oxygen mask, he confessed: "Doctor, I've lived three years with a girl whom I've never married. We've a baby. For me I know there's no hope and I want you to bring them here so that we can be married."

Everything possible would be done, promised the doctor. Forty-eight hours later a little peasant woman, Maria Ioanidou, tenderly carrying her child, stepped into the dim ward.

Briskly a bouquet was fashioned by touched volunteers, and in the presence of the doctor staff and fellow-patients Ioanis was married to Maria.

As dawn came, Ioanis's fever passed. Repose of his conscience and the new contentment he had found had wrought a miracle.

HE MADE A BANG

A former Rugby league footballer now in the Pioneer Corps was reported killed in France.

When he returned to Castleford, Yorks, on the last day of his leave, he made a round of visits to public houses and had about fifteen pints of beer.

Joseph Malkin, the footballer, told this story at Leeds Assizes when he was found not guilty of shooting at two policemen.

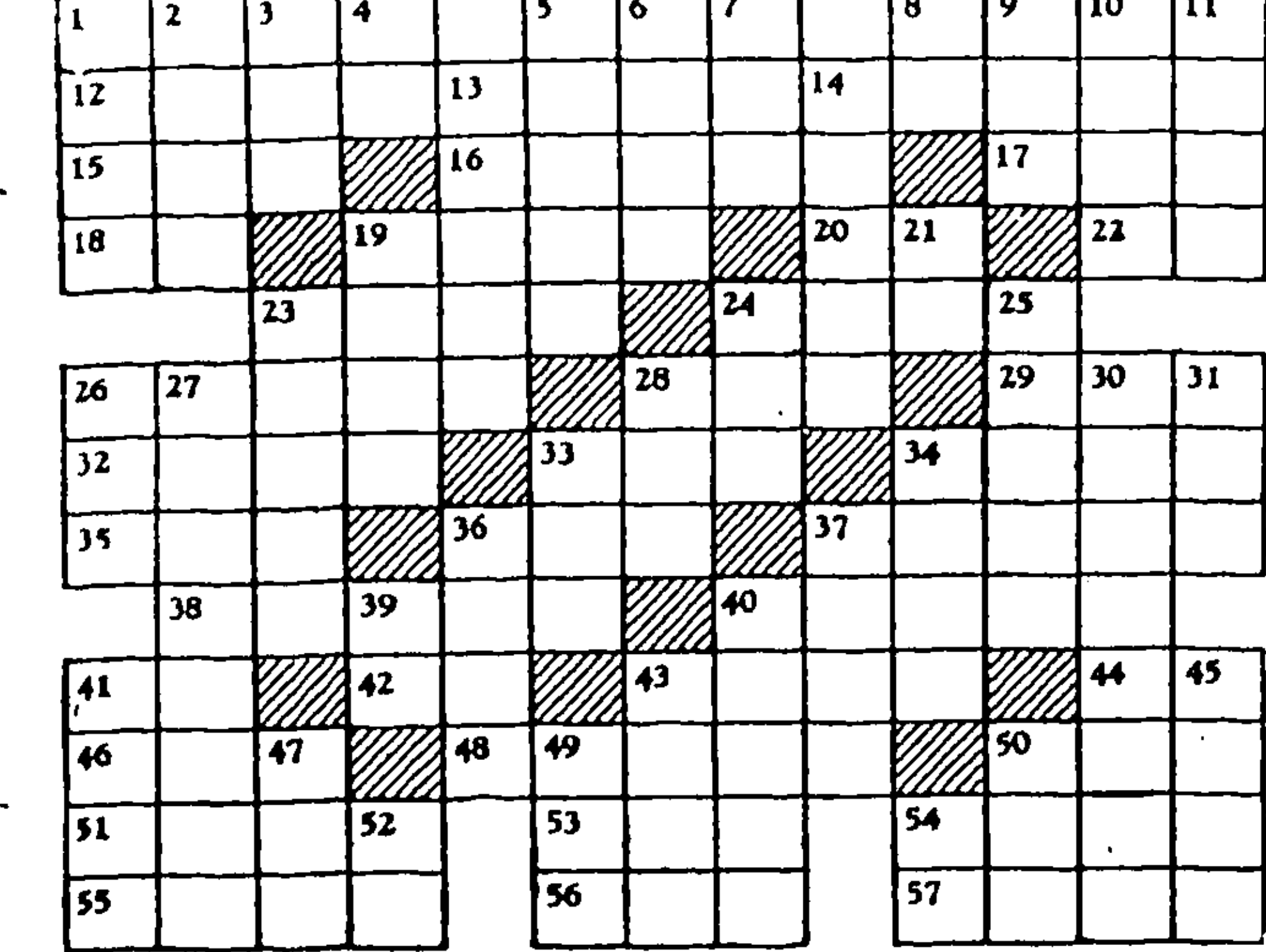
The prosecution alleged that when challenged by railway employees for trespassing on railway property, Malkin struck one of them on the jaw, threw a hammer at another, besieged others who had locked themselves in a signal-box and fired shots from his rifle at two policemen.

Malkin said he thought one of the railwaymen was going to strike him with the hammer so he took it away and laid it on the ground. He did not throw it.

He admitted that after three railway employees had locked themselves in a signal-box, he went home for his rifle. He thought he would be able to "make a bang and frighten the bobby away."

Mr. Justice Oliver said he appreciated the difficulty of deciding whether Malkin was actually shooting at the police.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD

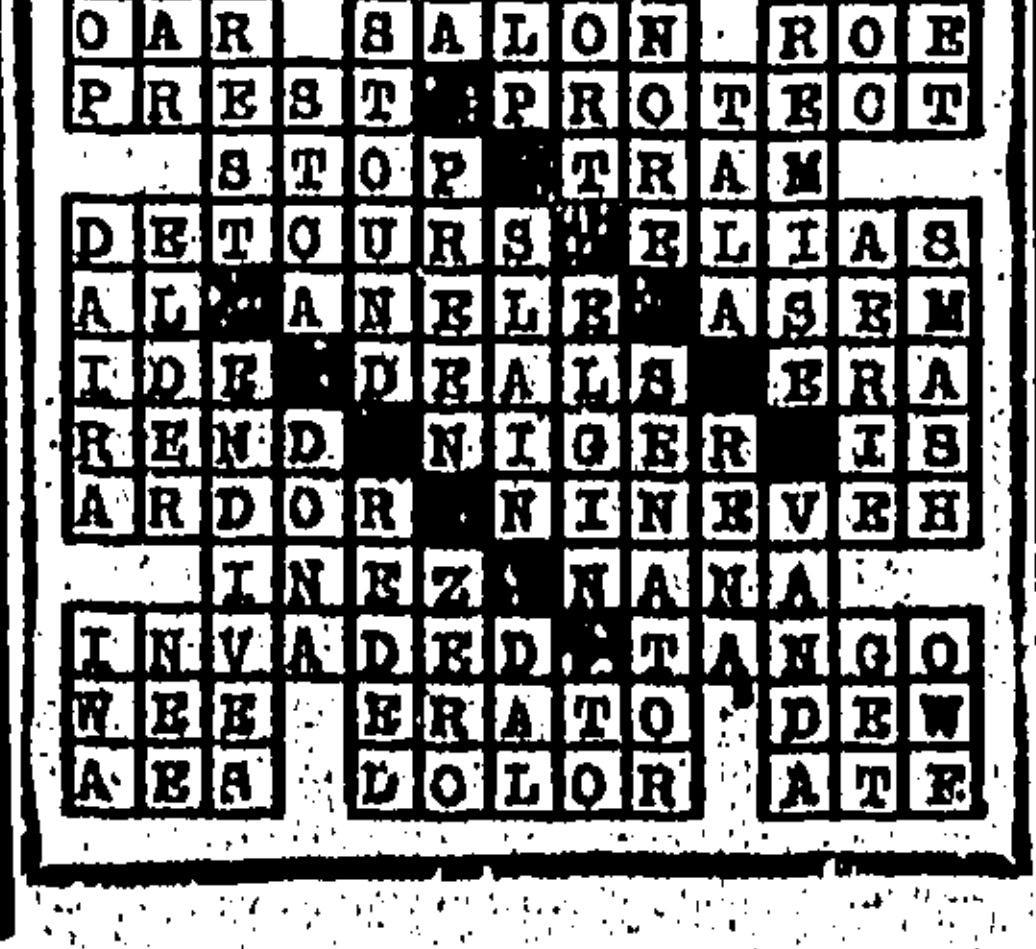


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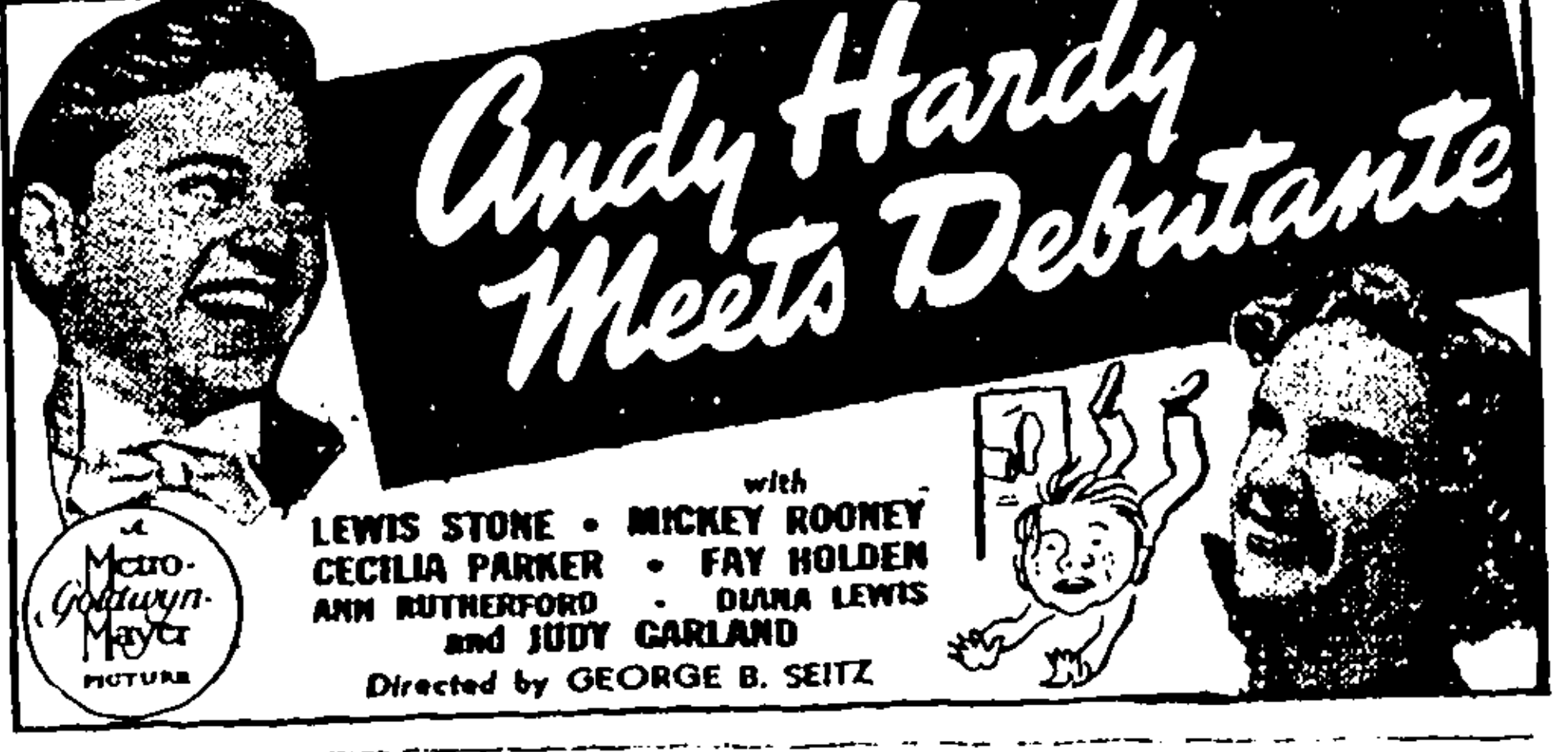
 - 1 To fasten securely
 - 5 Animal's foot
 - 8 Repeat
 - 12 Speedily
 - 15 By way of
 - 16 Onward
 - 17 Title of respect
 - 18 Exists
 - 19 Preposition
 - 20 Note of scale
 - 22 Symbol for tellurium
 - 23 To fast
 - 24 Roman emperor
 - 26 Tendency
 - 28 Second-hand
 - 29 Ethiopian title
 - 32 Plaything
 - 34 Hard-drawn
 - 35 European fish
 - 36 Bashful
 - 37 Song
 - 38 Sarcasm
 - 40 Insectivorous bird
 - 41 Symbol for actinium
 - 42 Note of scale
 - 43 Smallest consonant
 - 44 102
- VERTICAL**

 - 1 Son of Jacob
 - 2 Spindle
 - 3 Mineral spring
 - 4 Pronoun
 - 5 To steer
 - 6 Small particle
 - 7 To earn
 - 8 Greek letter
 - 9 Worm
 - 10 Landed
 - 11 Stranded
 - 12 Instrument
 - 13 Ventured
 - 14 Eyed
 - 15 Pecuniary penalty
 - 21 Land measure
 - 23 To submit
 - 24 Negative vote
 - 25 To harangue
 - 26 Prefix: three
 - 27 To make fun of
 - 28 Coquettish
 - 30 Supreme ruler
 - 31 Pig-pen
 - 33 Archaic; your
 - 34 To fatigue
 - 36 Impediment
 - 37 To eat
 - 39 Preposition
 - 40 Brink
 - 41 Recess of a church
 - 43 To disembark
 - 45 Preposition
 - 47 Sticky substance
 - 49 Sign of the Zodiac
 - 50 French coin
 - 52 Pronoun
 - 54 Symbol for samarium

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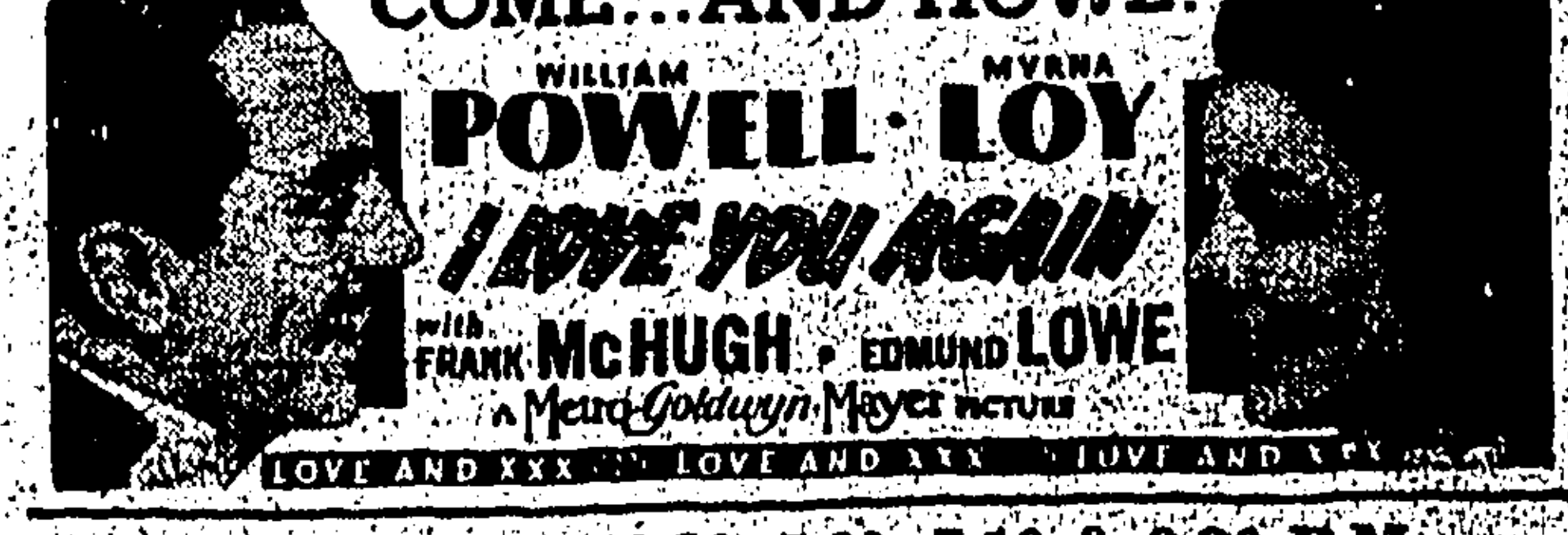
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**EAST END FIREMEN
MOURN
PARSON RAID VICTIM**

A GRIZZLED old regular fireman spoke the epitaph for the man they came to know in the East End of London as The Fireman's Parson. "There was no la-di-dah about him," he said. "We were John and Tom and Harry to him, and religion wasn't mentioned unless we spoke of it first."

Now the vicar-warden with the human touch, the man the brigades adopted as their unofficial chaplain, is died. His ashes are to be buried next to the communal grave of the ten firemen whose funeral service he conducted three months ago.

Like them, the fifty-year-old Rev. W. D. Tarling, of St. Matthias Church, Canning Town, E., has fallen victim to enemy action and, like them, he fell at the post of duty.

"Whenever we were out on a job, we always seemed to run into him," one of the firemen said. "He got down to the rescue work with the best of them and there are plenty of people walking about to-day who have to thank him for their lives."

"We've got particular cause to be grateful to his memory. He was always popping in to bring us comforts or to have a yarn." When the Nazi bombers struck recently Mr. Tarling was in the thick of the raid. Bombs were dropping and a number of people ran to a shelter.

"If I Am Killed"

Mr. Tarling saw that there was congestion at the entrance, urged the people to hurry inside—and then turned away himself rather than add to the press. A second or so later he had died from a blast.

"I think he had a presentiment that he would die in a raid," a church worker told me. "Only a few days ago he said that if he was killed no money was to be wasted on flowers. 'Let them buy clothes for poor people instead,' he said, and thus his influence will be felt after his death. 'His flock will sorely miss their earthly Good Shepherd.'"

**MODERN YOUTH IS
BETTER**

"It is a splendid tribute to the modern generation that the behaviour of our young men and women to-day, despite situations of pressing temptation, is incomparably better than it was in the last war."

So said the Bishop of Rochester, Dr. C. M. Cheveses, at Rochester Cathedral, speaking of the emotional disturbances of war, its monotony, its unnatural conditions, and its blinding of the finer instincts.

**RUTHLESS
BOMBING
WANTED**

The public demand that German towns should be subjected to bombing raids at least as heavy as those to which towns in Great Britain are being subjected is insistent.

It is being asked whether, in view of the experience gained over the past few months, the bombing of cities and large residential areas in general may not in fact be more damaging to the enemy's war machine than the bombing of specified military targets.

The answer must be decided on three chief points. Cities, with their complex public services, their narrow streets and thickly populated areas, are more vulnerable than most purely military targets. They are also, for obvious reasons, more readily found and hit. The only question is whether the damage done is more difficult to repair.

So far, the firm view of the Air Staff is that the R.A.F. method is right. It seems to consist of scattered raids, sometimes of relatively short duration, as opposed to the German concentrated raids of long duration.

The public will accept unhesitatingly the considered opinion of those at the head. But they would feel happier at the present time if this opinion were put more clearly to them. The feeling is undoubtedly growing that our bombing policy tends to be a piecemeal one and that it would be improved by greater concentration and ruthlessness.

**TYLER-KENT'S
VAIN HUNGER
STRIKE**

Tyler Kent, the former official at the American Embassy in London, who is serving a sentence of seven years' penal servitude for offences under the defence regulations, recently went on hunger strike.

He gave up the attempt after a few days, and is receiving normal prison diet.

**REAL R.A.F.
RAID IN
COLOUR**

Plans have been completed for what should be the most stirring film ever made—a record, in colour, of the work of the R.A.F., culminating in an actual raid on Germany. Mr. Oscar Deutsch, head of the Odeon circuit, will have charge of the production and its subsequent distribution.

The idea was put forward by an officer at the Air Ministry and made practicable by the fact that five airmen happened to be experts in colour photography before the war. They and two other airmen have been assigned the task of making pictures. They will fly a bomber fitted with two special colour cameras, and while taking part in a raid over Germany will be able to photograph its progress.

Barrage Spectacle

For the first time the public will be able to see the fierce barrage over places like Bremen and Kiel, with the sky made brilliant by shell bursts and "flaming onions," and down below in the target area the flashes of British bombs and the red glare of fires.

But the raid will be one feature only to the film, which will cover the activities not only of the Bomber Command, but of the Training, Fighter and Coastal Commands. Without any fictitious touches and with only dialogue actually used by the airmen, the film will present an entirely authentic picture of the R.A.F. at war.

There are only four cameras in the world like those to be installed. The normal camera weighs 600lb. These weigh 175lb when loaded with film.

**FOUGHT FIRES FOR
12 HOURS**

During a severe air raid on a West of England town, a railway goods checker, helped by a shunter and a boy, fought fires continuously for twelve hours.

Apart from extinguishing a trail of incendiary bombs, which had fallen among wagons; they defied high explosives to save a load of timber from a blazing lorry, helped to deal with injured men from a gasworks, brought a fire in an hotel under control, and cut woodwork from burning houses before extinguishing flames with a stirrup-pump.

SEAGULLS AS FOOD

Norwegians are being driven by hunger to eat seagulls. Thousands of the birds are daily being caught in traps baited with fish. One tradesman estimated that he was making £100 a week profit by the sale of seagulls.

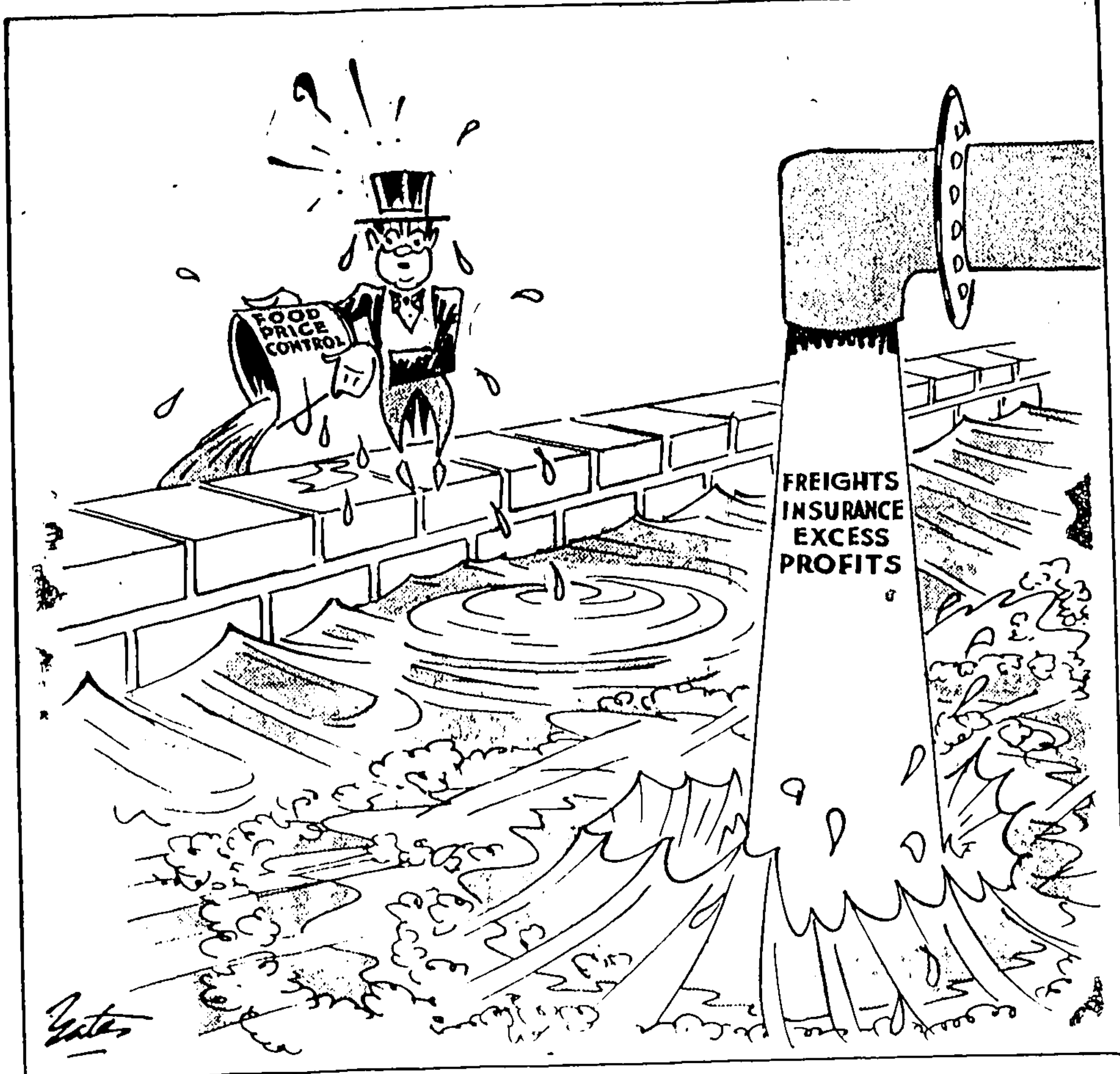
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HITLER'S JIHAD

Within a few days of the fall of Athens war had begun in a still older cradle of civilisation. The first shots in this war were fired when Iraqi artillery in the historic valley of the Euphrates opened fire on the British air base at Habbaniyah. The government that took this action is a pro-Axis government which seized power some six weeks ago by a coup d'etat. It is acting now as a creature of the Axis. The Berlin radio has been busy ever since broadcasting news of efforts to enlist the support of all the Arab peoples in a "jihad," or holy war, against the British in the Near East. Two military and air missions, Italian and German, have arrived in Baghdad with the connivance of Vichy's representative in Syria, where air bases have been placed at German disposal. A new battle is beginning for tremendous stakes. This first phase of a fresh German drive for power is aimed at the oil fields of Mosul, at the gates of India, at the geographical heart of the whole British Empire.

The immediate danger, that Nazi intrigue and the fresh prestige of German arms would succeed in persuading the Arabs of Syria and Palestine to throw in their lot with the pro-Axis government of Iraq was quickly set on one side. The Syrian Arabs are restless under French control but have not responded to German blandishments. The Palestinian Arabs have confirmed the postponement for the duration of their long-standing quarrel with Britain about Zionism. There was raw material in both countries for Nazi provocateurs to work on, but there were also restraining influences, here and throughout the Moslem world, working in Britain's favour. Iraq itself owes its independence to Britain's victory in the last war. British ties with the Arab kingdoms farther south in the great sandy peninsula are close. The Moslem states of India are aiding Britain in the war. Thousands of loyal Moslem troops are serving in British armies.

Into this struggle for high stakes which is now beginning, Hitler can be counted upon to throw every weapon at his command. He will stop at nothing to win that struggle — even to opening the floodgates of reli-



THE RISING FLOOD

We Must Fight First

It is two years since fortune enabled me to visit the United States, so that I know the present alertness of its public opinion only at second hand. But, as I read its signs, I cannot help realising how much there is about the attitude which distinguished our own public opinion until the invasion of the Low Countries.

On the Right, there is the sense of the immensity of American power, the conviction that the Dictators would not dare to risk attack upon it, the conviction that America would not be beaten, the half-conscious desire somehow to preserve the status quo by coming to an understanding with Hitler.

On the Left, there is the massive confusion which comes from the fact that though all strands of opinion hate what Fascism is, each strand has a separate nostrum to cherish and would risk the victory of Fascism rather than acquiesce in the surrender of its particular nostrum. For one group, the Roosevelt programme is illegitimate unless the Soviet Union supports it. For another, it is wrong because a British victory may mean the consolidation of British imperialism. For another, it will not do because it deflects attention away from burning evils in the social and economic landscape of America.

gious passion if he can. This war whose course runs beyond all powers of prediction has offered more than one strange paradox: none stranger than this spectacle of the greatest infidel of modern times summoning Islam to a holy war, with the blood of fourteen nations on his hands.

Mr. Eden's statement in the Commons makes the position of the British Government abundantly clear. There is to be no kid glove war permitting Germany to smuggle troops into Iraq through Syria. The British Government have declared their policy frequently enough. They will attack German forces wherever they are to be encountered. If Vichy cannot prevent them from landing in Syria, she cannot grieve if they are attacked in Syria.

For another, still, it must be opposed because it leads to Presidential dictatorship. And there is the still, small voice of the pacifist whom even Nazi behaviour in Poland and the other occupied countries has not converted from the doctrine that evil must not be resisted with force.

I think I know America and the Left well enough to understand both the motive and the intensity which lie behind all these views. Certainly no one knows better than I do that the organisation of a nation for war entails the acceptance of risks to liberal causes that are grave and profound. Yet I wish there were some way, out of our European experience of Nazism in action, of making those who hate it — and every good American must hate it — understand that without ut-

By Harold J. Laski

ter defeat there will simply be for us in Europe no opportunity at all even of thinking about the prospect of liberal causes in any period of which we have to take account. And if we were to be defeated, both the United States and the Soviet Union would have quite literally no alternative but to devote all their energies to defence and to subordinate to its claims every other objective, however important. For a triumphant Nazism would present both countries with the same problems with which we are to-day presented: and granted the area there would then be under its control, it would not be an unequal contest.

I know well enough all that the Left in Britain risks in standing squarely by Mr. Churchill in this war. The answer simply is that a refusal to do so means that there would rapidly be defeat; and defeat means — look at the occupied countries — that the Left is annihilated by Gestapo methods. No serious-minded person thinks that the Left has any chance in France until the shadow of military defeat begins to encompass Hitler and his satellites. No serious-minded person, either, can believe that a victorious Britain, maimed and scarred by this war, is then going to bend its energies to forming a coalition for the overthrow of the Soviet Union. For us of the Labour Party the battle in which we are engaged is quite simply and literally a battle for the preservation of the opportunities through which, if preserved, we believe that we shall be able to proceed to the reconstruction of our economic and social life. But without the preservation of those opportunities we know that the things our movement has striven for these

hundred years past will cease to have meaning in the thoughts and hopes of men.

And what is true of ourselves, is true of America even if at one remove. Hitler will not rest content with the domination of Europe. No one knows better than the men in the Kremlin that the destruction of Bolshevism is only, for him, a postponed aim; the survival of the Russian experiment depends quite literally on a British victory. It may well be that, were Britain to be defeated, there would be a pause for consolidation before he came to grips with America. But it could not be a long pause; for the whole essence of his strategy must be a surprise attack before America is adequately prepared to resist it. In that vital sense, I think, I am proud to think, that our claim that in defending ourselves we are defending America, it is a just claim; and I think, therefore, that the aid we receive from America is, quite fundamentally, part of the defence of America.

It is, indeed, an urgent thing for all the friends of democratic freedom to realise that security from Hitlerism is an essential pre-ambule to the achievement of their objective. It was, I think, John Dewey who said that "it is the business of ideal right to take might unto itself in order that it may cease to be merely ideal." That is our business now; and, compared to it, every other objective is of less importance for the moment. Not until we begin to see that our way to victory is clear, can we begin to remember our differences; for the present, it is our identities that matter. One day, no doubt, the Labour Party will have to seek the defeat of its present associates. But until the present danger has passed, Mr. Churchill and Mr. Attlee have that supreme end in common on which all other ends depend. Not to understand this is to show a lack of proportion in the estimation of values which destroys utterly any title to statesmanship. To learn to put first things first is the beginning of democratic wisdom; and the first thing, surely, is to recognise that between Hitler and every form of free government there is no possibility of compromise.

It is because President Roosevelt has so long recognised this that, for us in Britain, his speeches, hardly less than his actions, are an encouragement beyond measure. I think most of us understand that the second Battle of Britain, concentrated in the history of the world. If we win it, Hitler has shot his bolt, and we shall go forward, I believe, go straight forward, rapidly to victory. If we lose, it is the turn of America and the Soviet Union. I do not think we shall lose. But to win will require a courage, a resolution, and a scale of equipment far beyond anything we have so far used.

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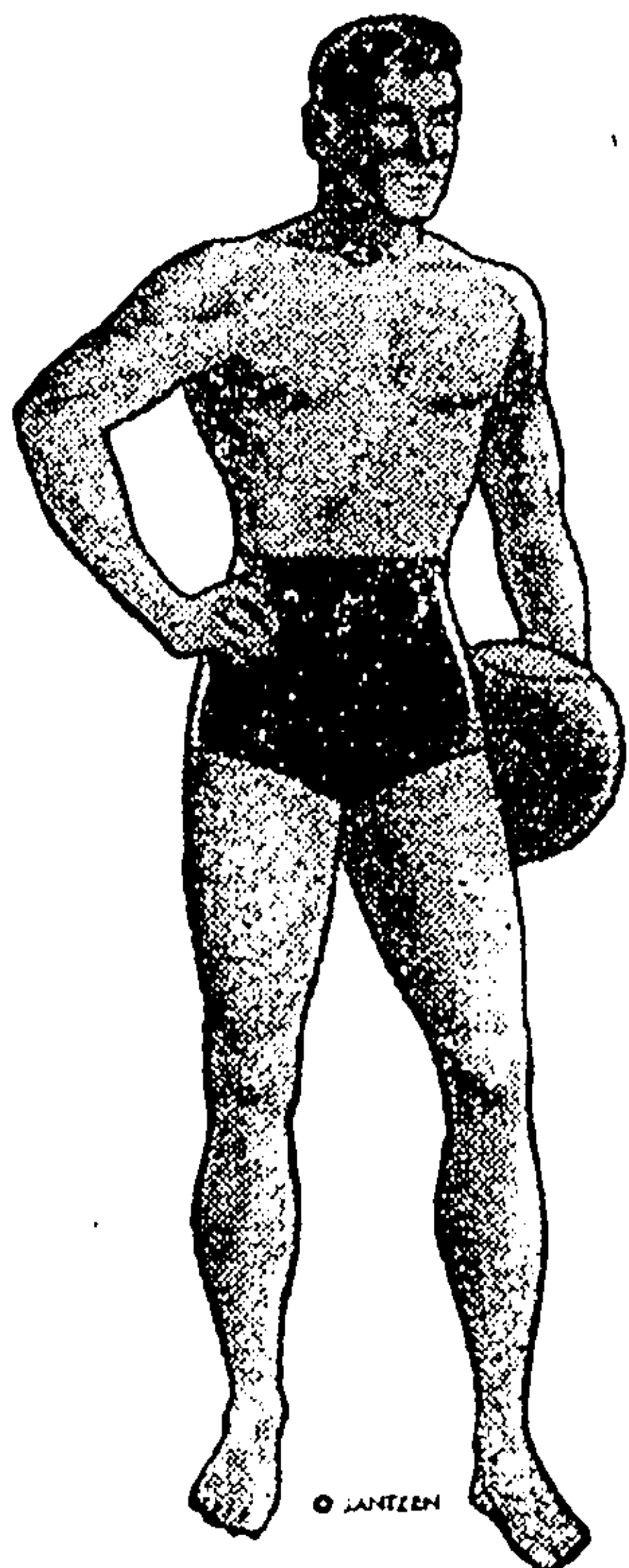
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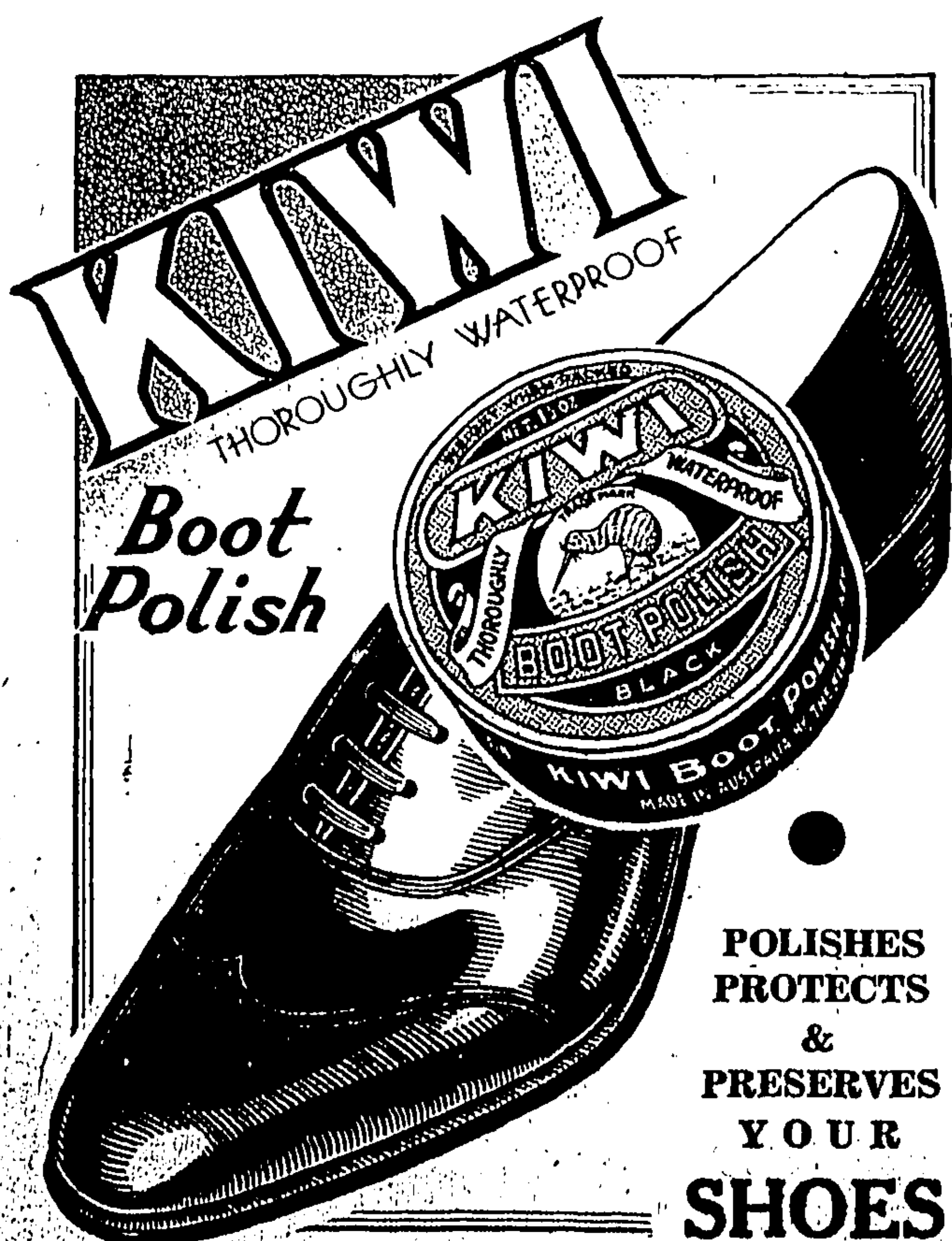
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Deanna Durbin and Robert Stack, first seen together on the screen in "First Love," are reunited in Universal's romantic comedy, "Nice Girl?" Deanna's ninth success is now showing at the King's Theatre.

DEATH STAB OF GIRL IN THE BLACK-OUT

EILEEN BARRETT, a tall athletic girl of nineteen, left Colne (Lancashire) Grammar School in the black-out and hurried across the road to the bus for Trawden, the mill village where she lived with her parents and young brother.

Suddenly a man ran to her and caught her by the throat. "Help, I am being attacked," she cried. Another man ran to her aid as she struggled to free herself.

Her assailant swung round and the girl felt a sharp blow in the back as he vanished.

Eileen, fighting against terrible pain, managed to drag herself to the bus and was about to sit down when she collapsed. Passengers stopped a motor-car and she was rushed to hospital, where she died.

In her last words, the girl tried to describe the man who attacked her. She said he was about 5ft. 6in. in height, wore a raincoat and hat, and appeared to be about forty.

The police are anxious to interview another man who was seen standing at the main exit of the school, apparently trying to shield himself from view.

The murderer is believed to be a sex maniac.

Another Girl Attacked

The police later disclosed that a domestic servant was also the victim of an assault at Reedely, near Burnley, not many miles away. A man seized her throat, but she escaped.

Mrs. Barrett, of Back Side Farm, Trawden, told the "Daily Mirror" that her daughter went to evening classes to learn dress-making.

"Before she left home she looked at the cosy fire and then turned to me and said: 'I wish, mother, I were not going to-night!'"

Eileen was secretary of Trawden Parish Church—her appointment had to receive the consent of the Bishop because she was so young.

BEAUTY QUEEN MURDER CHARGE

Donald Jack Chilvers, thirty, of Sunnyside, Petrie Road, Lee-on-Solent, Hants, was remanded in custody at Gosport charged with the murder of his wife, Sybil Ann, a former beauty queen.

Inspector T. McDonagh said that in the living room on the ground floor he saw the body of Mrs. Chilvers, who was stabbed in the chest.

Until her husband recently left Norwich for employment in the Gosport area the couple had lived together with their eight-year-old son at Bury Street, Norwich.

EMPIRE FLAG DAY

Sir,—A letter has been received from Field Marshal Sir Philip Chetwode, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Red Cross & St. John War Organisation, asking our cooperation in promoting an Empire-Wide Flag Day. At a meeting convened by H. R. H. the Duke of Gloucester at St. James' Palace, the date of this Flag Day was fixed for Thursday, June 5, 1941.

We in Hong Kong have so far refrained from a Flag Day in deference to the many local calls, but the Committee at home feels that a Flag Day, held on the same date in every part of the Empire would be an inspiring proof of our unity of purpose.

Very heavy calls are now being made on the Red Cross resources for the help of victims of air-raids, for service in sending food and clothing to Prisoners of War in German internment camps, for help in the campaigns in North Africa, and the Middle East, furthermore the Ministry of Health has asked the War Organisation to organise and staff 400 auxiliary and convalescent hospitals in Britain, with accommodation for 20,000 patients.

In the course of his address, broadcast in January of this year, Sir Philip Chetwode stated that the one object of Red Cross work is to supply help immediately to the sick and wounded, the prisoners and the miserable, whether Service or civilian, and that for all places at home hard hit by this war on civilians, the Organisation was able to find at the shortest notice extra nurses, material for blood-transfusion, necessary serums of all sorts, drugs, hospital garments and comforts, money, transport and ambulances.

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Yours very truly,
K. H. EDMONDSON,
Chairman, Entertainments Committee, B. W. O. F.

BOOTS OF TWO WARS GO ON TOUR

Two pairs of Army boots were included in an exhibition of South African war materials which left Johannesburg in a special train for a six weeks' tour covering 4,000 miles.

One pair was modern, the other was worn in the East-African campaign during the last war. These were selected for comparison with the modern Army footwear from hundreds of pairs sent to the authorities in response to an S.O.S.

CONCHIES KICKED, PUNCHED

COURT TOLD

Conscientious objectors were made to run round a shed until they collapsed, kicked in the stomach and punched in the face, it was alleged at a Liverpool court-martial.

Captain Frank Kenneth Wright, attached to the Pioneer Corps, pleaded not guilty to five charges of ordering non-combatant conscientious objectors to be assaulted.

For the first time in history a woman barrister took part in a court martial. She is Miss Eileen Macdonald, of Manchester, junior to Mr. E. G. Hemmerde, K.C., who is defending Wright.

Major A. Marlowe, prosecuting, said that the incidents took place at Liverpool College.

Ten or twelve conscientious objectors refused to obey orders. About a dozen N.C.O.s took them to the parade ground.

"Captain Wright," said Major Marlowe, "explained they were not being asked to carry rifles or perform combatant duties. They still refused to obey orders and he said: 'If you mutiny, I can mutiny too!'"

They Collapsed

"He ordered the N.C.O.s to make the men double round the room. The N.C.O.s formed themselves into a circle and forced the soldiers round from one to the other.

"The soldiers were thrown around the room. If anyone stopped for a moment he was immediately struck and either kicked in the stomach, punched in the face, or pushed.

"After forty-five minutes the soldiers collapsed one after another. As they collapsed they either had their heads put into a bucket of water or a bucket of water was thrown over them."

At the end each soldier was asked "Are you going to soldier now?" Each replied, "Yes."

Leslie Worth, formerly a Leeds Corporation library assistant, said the N.C.O.s kicked their legs and feet.

Worth also agreed that Wright had been courteous and considerate to them.

Mr. Hemmerde: I put it to you that the whole story of what happened is merely a lying invention?—No.
The hearing was adjourned.

MURDER OF LORD ERROLL

LADY CARBERY IN DRAMATIC EVIDENCE

A CROWDED COURT listened breathlessly in Nairobi to dramatic evidence given by Lady Carbery when the hearing was resumed of the charge against Sir Delves Broughton of murdering the Earl of Erroll.

She was describing a dinner party at the Muthaiga Club at which she herself, Sir Delves and Lady Broughton and Lord Erroll were present on January 23 a few hours before Lord Erroll was found shot in a car.

During dinner, said Lady Carbery, Sir Delves, who appeared cheerful, proposed a toast to the health and happiness of Lady Broughton and Lord Erroll and their future child.

As the evening wore on and his wife left with Lord Erroll to go dancing at a Claremont roadhouse, said Lady Carbery, Sir Delves Broughton became peevish and angry. He said his wife could go and live with Lord Erroll, but he would not make her any allowance.

He spoke so loudly, said Lady Carbery, that she remonstrated and said that other people in the club would hear.

"Very Lonely"

Sir Delves then urged her to hurry and finish supper as he was anxious to get home. He added that he had been married only three months and had been extremely lonely. He was the worse for drink.

They drove together to the Broughtons' house and immediately went to their respective bedrooms.

Lady Carbery went on to say that she heard Lord Erroll and Lady Broughton arrive about half an hour later. After they had talked and laughed in the hall for 10 minutes Lord Erroll left by car. Lady Broughton came and talked to Lady Carbery for half an hour and then went to bed. It was 20 minutes later, said Lady Carbery, that she heard Sir Delves Broughton walking along the corridor. He knocked at her door and asked her how she was. She had complained earlier of being feverish. Just before that Lady Broughton's dog in her bedroom had barked furiously.

The next morning, Lady Carbery continued, Lady Broughton came into her room and told her that Lord Erroll had been killed in a car smash. Lady Carbery lunched with Sir Delves at the Broughtons' house. Lady Broughton remained in her room.

Over coffee and brandy after lunch Sir Delves said how upset he was about Lord Erroll's death for Lady Broughton's sake, and then burst into tears.

Lady Carbery and Lady Broughton later that day went to the former's house at Nyeri, and Lady Carbery said she was surprised when a few days afterwards Sir Delves Broughton suddenly appeared one evening and asked her the gist of a statement she had made to the police.

Nairobi's woman Mayor, Lady Delamere, was the next witness. She said that she was in the official procession at Lord Erroll's funeral, when Sir Delves Broughton, who arrived as the funeral ended, asked her what he should do with a letter his wife had entrusted to him to place in Lord Erroll's grave.

Letter In Grave

Lady Delamere indicated the open grave and whispered to him to place the letter in the grave. She then resumed her place in the procession.

She lunched that day with Sir Delves Broughton, who spoke in terms of loathing of his wife and said he hoped never to see her again. He referred regretfully to past days and to his former wife.

The court was cleared in the afternoon for an unknown witness, the magistrate intimating that publication of this evidence might prejudice the accused at his trial. A protest by newspaper representatives was overruled.

CAPTIVES WORK FOR NAZIS

In compliance with insistent demands by the Germans that certain foreigners detained in French concentration camps should be sent to work in Germany, 140 Russians interned in the Vernet camp in the Pyrenees and 1,000 penniless Yugoslavs from various camps in France have been turned over to the Nazis.

The Russians, who have been held in French goals since May, 1937, were accused of taking part in kidnapping the White Russian, General Eugene Miller, who disappeared on September 22, 1937, and was never found again.

In the meantime the French have made notable improvements in conditions in their concentration camps lately.

THEATRE CHIEF DIES

Mr. Michael Hillman, thirty-eight-year-old owner of the Duchess Theatre, London, has died in Johannesburg. He had been actor, manager, author, producer, and proprietor.

'PLANE ON SHOW

Traffic was blocked in Times Square in New York by crowds of people trying to examine a Curtiss fighter plane which has been placed on show there to arouse interest in recruiting for the Army Flying Corps. Police estimated that spectators were filing past the machine at the rate of 1,500 per hour.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Irland Lot No. 6155	South of Tsai Tse Man Road and 5099, North Point	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	\$110	\$5,300

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
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BRIDGE NOTES

THE MAIN POINT

By The Four Aces

"Please settle this argument for us," writes a St. Louis reader. "Should North have passed at three hearts, or should South have expressed a choice between North's two suits?"

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ A 9 8 7 3
♥ 6
♦ K J 10 9 5
♣ 10 3
♠ Q J 5 4
♥ A 7 3
♦ Q 8 4 3
♣ A 7
N
W
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S
♠ 10 6
♥ 5 4 2
♦ A 7 2
♣ K Q 9 8 2
♠ K 2
♥ K Q J 10 9 8
♦ 6
♣ J 6 5 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	2♣	Pass	2NT
Dbl.	3♣	Dbl.	Redbl.
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

"South maintains he bid three hearts over three diamonds because he couldn't 'stand' for the diamonds. But he would have passed three spades.

"North insists that the bidding made it obvious that he wasn't going to like hearts. South therefore (in North's opinion) should have bid three spades so as to indicate his preference at the lowest possible level. "Who is right?"

South is right in more ways than one. He was correct in bidding three hearts over three diamonds since there was the chance that North had a doubleton in hearts and could pass three hearts. And if North didn't want to pass at three hearts (incidentally, a pass would have been a good idea) he should have bid three spades rather than four diamonds.

But nobody seems to have thought of the main point of the hand. Why on earth did North "run" from three clubs redoubled? East would have been set at least two tricks — perhaps more!

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:



The gay young blade says if tripping the light fantastic toe is a springtime occupation then he's going to get busy and drum up trade.

♠ K 7 3
♥ A K 4
♦ K 9 6 2
♣ A K 6

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Minor	Schenken
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♠
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid four spades. You cannot go past game since you have already shown the strength of your hand by your bid of two no-trump; and, since your partner evidently prefers spades to no-trump, you must show that you have good support for a spade contract.

Score 100% for four spades, 30% for three no-trump.

Question No. 718

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	You	Minor	Schenken
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♠
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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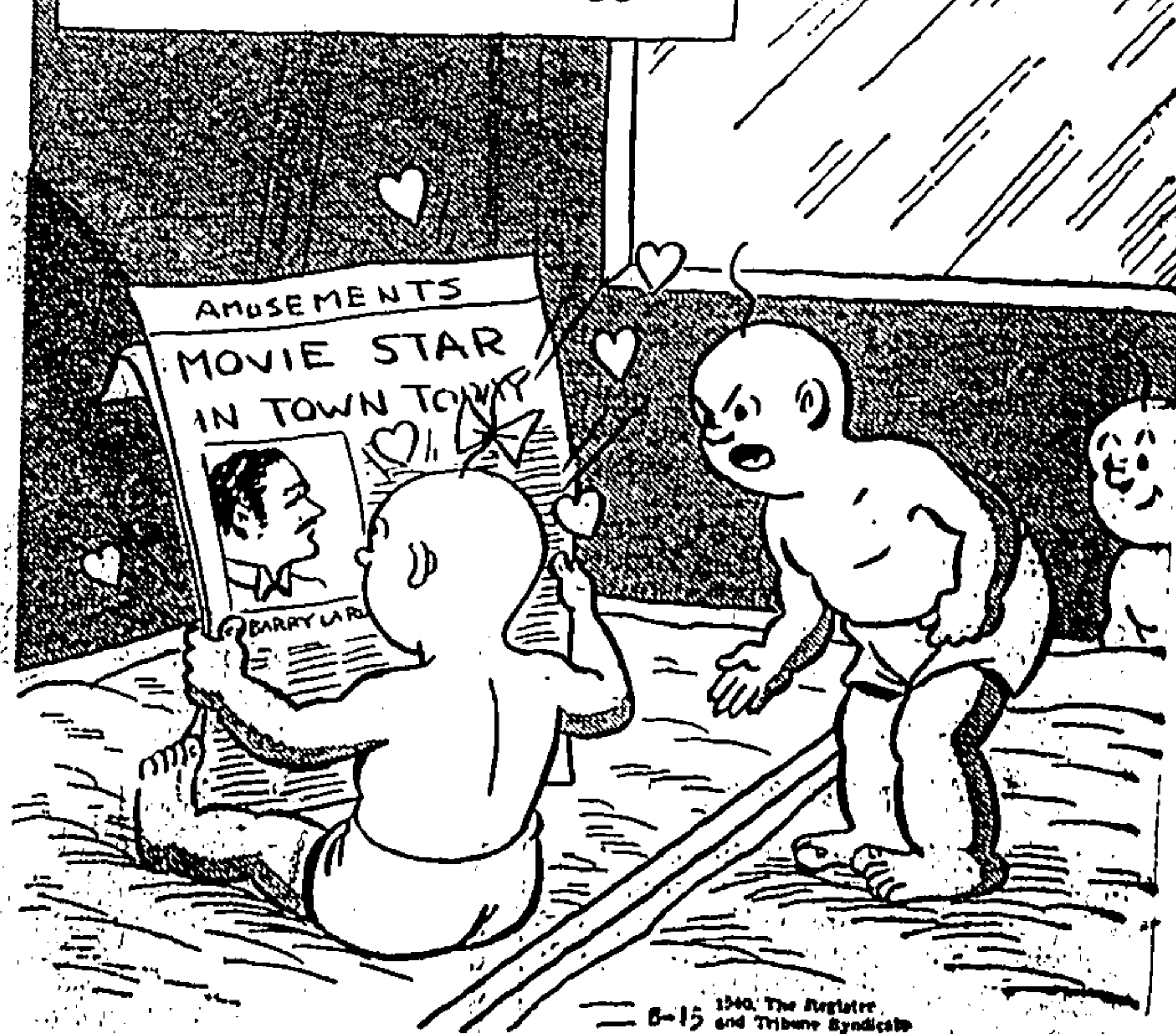
NORWEGIANS BAULK NAZIS

Norwegian workmen's refusal to travel to Germany for work has caused the German authorities to abandon their labour recruiting propaganda in Norway.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED

"The Three Bares"



"Don't fall for him! — Why, when you're fifty, he'll be one hundred and two!"

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Designed For Slim Hips

Stylists are determined to keep women slim hiped, for each season's creation is designed for figures which can bear facile hips. Allowances are made for fuller bosoms and slightly expanding waists, but the hip measurement must be the minimum for one's size.

This may make you rant when you shop for a new suit or tailored dress, but it is a very good thing. It might make you get fat and reduce a too large hip measurement which will please your doctor to hear. For physicians know that a woman will keep reasonably active and healthy if her hips are slim, and that she will grow lethargic and ill if she allows her hips to get considerably oversized, and thus hamper her movement.

Will Is Keynote

The keynote to any physical beauty is will-power. Once a woman gets disgusted with her looks and determines to improve them, the path is easy. Sometimes I wish that American husbands were not so easily pleased! Nothing can make a woman improve herself more quickly than to have HER MAN criticize her carelessness or to have him admire a rival woman's beauty! Golly that make a woman jump - she gets on the phone the next day and signs up for a course of exercise. She puts in an order



Hips and thighs are reduced by lying on the side, legs extended straight and lifting one leg at a time straight up side-ways as far as possible.



Considered one of the best hip reducers. RENEE HAAL lies flat on her back then alternately crosses the one leg over the other remembering to keep knees straight.

for new cosmetics and she makes an immediate date with her hair-dresser - that is if she has any feminine pride at all. No other woman is going to steal her man's affections if she can help it.

But a woman should keep as beautiful as possible whether or not her man requests it. The whole world loves beauty and life seems rosier and less complicated if one feels self-confident through careful grooming.

But to get back to hips - the all important spring problem - let's begin with these two exercises and then you may practice others you have learned through this column.

1- Lie on a hard surface on your side. Straighten knees and extend heels. Now raise upper leg in the air as high as possible with a good stretching. At first you may have someone help raise your leg. Lower it. Repeat ten times. Turn over on other side and repeat.

You will feel an ache or two but persevere!

2-One of the best hip refashioning exercises is this: Lie flat on your back on the floor and keep your shoulders flat on the floor throughout movement. Cross your left leg over right leg trying to touch the floor with toes BUT KEEP BOTH KNEES STRAIGHT AND HEELS EXTENDED. You will not be able to stretch far the first few days but each day will show improvement. Stretch left leg ten times. Then cross right leg over body and stretch ten times.

DANES PUNISH NAZIS

Mr. T. Terkelsen, formerly London correspondent of a leading Danish newspaper, stated that the Danes had developed to a fine art the technique of making the German occupiers uncomfortable. They did it by ignoring them and by being insolent.

German soldiers who had been to other occupied territories now said that they had never felt so miserable as they felt in Denmark.



Rosalind Russell, named by the Fashion Academy as 1941's best dressed woman of the screen, wears this Adrian designed costume in her new M.G.M. picture, "The Uniform," co-starring Clark Gable. The above illustrates Miss Russell's flair for new fashion trends, particularly the "Arabic drapel" of the hat. The ensemble follows the current vogue for tropical themes.

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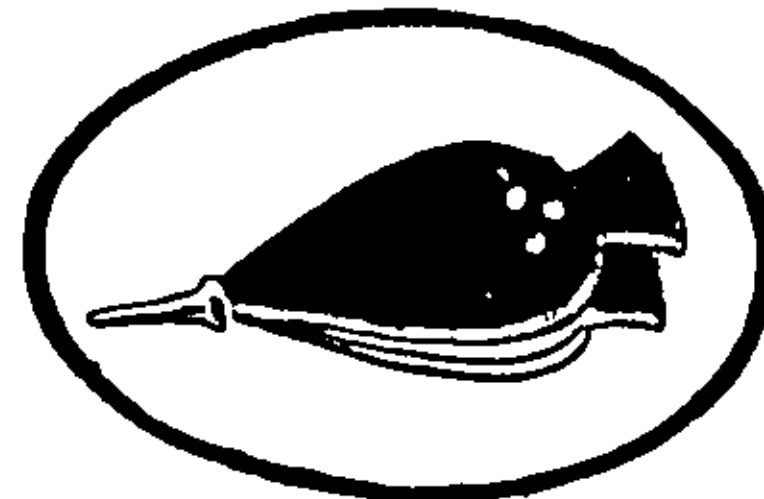


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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Saint-Saens, Concerto in G Minor—Op. 22.
1st Mov: Andante sostenuto; 2nd Mov: Allegro scherzando; 3rd Mov: Presto. Arthur de Greef (Piano) and New Symphony Orchestra.

12.50 p.m.—A Saint-Saens Song.
Samson and Delilah Act 2 "Amor! I Miel Sini Proteggi!" Ebe Stig-nani (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orch.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections with Richard Crooks (Tenor).
In the Shadows (Finck); The Skaters Waltz (Waldteufel); Victor Sil-vester's Harmony Music For Love Alone (Seivier-Thayer); The Un-forgotten Melody (Lockton-Wood); Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra. Napoli — Tarantelle (Mezzacapo); Chant de Sirene (Vol-patti); Orchestre Napolitain One Alone ("The Desert Song"—Rom-berg); Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra. Lehar Waltz Pot-pourri (arr. Robrecht); Orchestra Mascotte.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Popular War-Time Variety.
Vocal Old Soldiers Never Die!—In-tro Fall in and Follow Me, Let the Great Big World Keep Turning; Hello! Hello! Who's Your Lady Friend?; Mademoiselle from Armentieres, There's a Long Long Trail, Take me Back to Dear Old Blighty, If You Were the Only Girl in the World, It's a Long Way to Tipperary, Fall in and Follow Me Gracie Fields with Orchestra & Male Chorus. Swing Fox-Trot—Oh! Johnny, Oh! Johnny, Oh! Arthur Young & Hatchett's Swinglette, featuring Stephanie Grappelly & Beryl Davis Piano-Accordeon Band All Pals Together (Sloan). London Piano-Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus Vocal-Kiss me Goodnight, Sergeant Major (Noel & Pelosi); Arthur Askey with Orch. Fox-Trots The Old Tin Helmet; Wings over the Navy (film "Wings over the Navy") The Organ, The Dance Band & Me with Male Voice Quartet Fox-Trot Lords of the Air The Organ, The Dance Band & Me with Male Chorus Vocal—There'll Always Be an England (Parker & Charles) Dennis Noble (Baritone) with piano accomp.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-tions.

6.32 p.m.—Auber — Crown Diamonds Overture. London Philharmonic Or-chestra cond. by Constant Lambert.

6.42 p.m.—D'Indy—Suite for Flute, Vio-lin, Cello & Harp—Op. 91.
Entrée en Sonate—Air desuet—Sara-bande—Farandole variée Quint-ette Instrumental de Paris.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay — "Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—London Relay — Special Broadcast to the British Forces in the Far East.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-nouncements.

8.02 p.m.—Selections from the Shows.
Lights Up—Selection (Gay); Gera-lde & the Savoy Hotel Orchestra with Vocal Chorus; New Moon—Vocal Gems (Hammerstein 2nd & Romberg); Light Opera Com-pany; The Great Waltz—Selection Rawitz and Landauer (piano duet); Bitter Sweet—I'll See You Again (Noel Coward); Hildegarde (vocal) with Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—The London Piano-Accordeon Band & Kitty Masters (Vocal).
The Cubalero (Cuban Rhythm Dance—Banker & others); Campus Moon (Smith & others); London Piano-Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus. Sweetheart, Let's Grow Old To-gether (Bratton & Edwards); When the Swallows Nest Again (Stevens & Edmund); Kitty Masters (Vocal) with Orchestra. The White Cliffs of Dover (Leon & Towers); Log Cabin Lullaby (Byrne & others); London Piano-Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus. Stardust Cover-ed Bundle (Hodges); Kitty Mas-ters (Vocal) with Orchestra. All Ashore (Hilli); Goodbye to Summer (Butterell & Phillips); London Piano-Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—The Royal Artillery Band.
Calling All Workers—March (Eric Coates); Sons of the Brave (Quick March—Bligood); Sons of the "Old Contemplables" (Watson & others); Home Guards on Parade (arr. Duthoit).

9.30 p.m.—Local Sports Results.

9.33 p.m.—Light French Songs.
Je T'Aime—Waltz Song (Willemetz & Marchand); Oul Je T'Aime O Paris—Waltz Song (Willemetz & Marchand); Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Orchestra. Si Vous L'avez Compris (Denza & Bor-desse); Berceuse de Jocelyn (Go-dard & others); Andre D'Arkor (Tenor) with Instru. accomp.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.48 p.m.—Concert Waltzes & Tangos.
Nalla Waltz (Delibes); Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden; Jea-lousy—Tango Tzigane (Gade); Bos-ton Promenade Orchestra; In-dian Summer—Waltz (Loehr); Orchestra Mascotte; Tango (Al-beniz); Barnabas von Geczy and his Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay — "Hap-plidrome".

11.00 p.m.—New Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Take it from the Top; Jubilee Swing; Ella Fitzgerald's



Robert Stack (top) with Deanna Durbin and Franchot Tone, the romantic trio in Universal's lavish dramatic comedy production, "Nice Girl?" At the King's.

Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trots—How Am I to Know?; Ida, Sweet as Apple Cider; Arthur Young & Hat-chett's Swinglette. Slow Fox-Trot—Trade Winds; Fox-Trot—Blueber-ry Hill; Billy Cotton & his Band. Fox-Trots—Castle of Dreams (from "Irene"); You've Got me Out on a Limb (from "Irene"); The Casa Loma Orchestra. Rumba—Six Les-sons from Madame La Zonga; Fox-Trot—All Over the Place; Jay Wilbur & his Band. Slow Fox-Trot—Chez-moi; Quick-Step—Angry; Oscar Rabin & his Strict Tempo Dance Band. Fox-Trots—Eep-Ipe; Slow Freight; The Milt Herth Trio. Quick-Step—I'm Nobody's Baby (from "Andy Hardy meets Debutante"); Fox-Trot—If I Only Had Wings; Oscar Rabin & his Band. Waltz—Lovely Old Lady; Sydney Lipton & his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Remember September; Devil May Care; Mantovani & his Orch.

12.00 midnight.—Close down.

WOMEN ARE TOLD, USE A BINDER

Women who are unable to get corsets—there's go-ing to be a shortage—should wrap themselves in roller towelling.

That is the opinion of a London woman doctor. "I do not think," she told the "Daily Mirror," "that a shortage of corsets need worry the women of this country — even those standing for long hours at fac-tory benches.

"If support is really needed, then a roller-binder should be adequate.

"Even during pregnancy, when a corset is necessary, a doctor might advise this binder as a sub-stitute.

"Bust bodices are another matter. To the majority of women these are most import-ant, and there is no satisfactory substitute."

A famous man obstetrician said: "A roller-binder may be adequate support, but, I think a woman should be able to feel happy about her figure line. It affects her mental attitude and her physical health.

"May Affect Births"

"If a woman feels she looks unattractive, then she is unattrac-tive, and that, I think, may affect the birthrate now and after the war, and it may even bring un-happiness and instability into our homes now."

According to doctors and women welfare workers in the north of England, the girls who will soon be flocking to the factories to release men for the Forces must have corsets if they are to make their effort a 100 per cent. one.

A specialist in Manchester said:

"If girls have to do without corsets — when they have been accustomed to them — the amount and quality of their work at the factory bench will suffer.

"Young women who have to stand for hours or handle fairly heavy apparatus are almost bound to feel the strain on waist and hips."

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Orders by Colonel H. B. Rose, M.C., Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

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Friday, 16th May, 1941.
1. RECRUITS' MEDICAL EXAMINATION
There will be no recruits' Medical Examination on Friday 23rd May, 1941.

2. RESIGNATION OF COMMISSION
Extract from Government Gazette No. 29 dated 9.5.41.

"No. 544—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve that Second Lieutenant George Arthur Lawrence Plummer be allowed to resign his commission in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 30th April, 1941.

3. DISCIPLINE
All ranks are reminded that they must, when in uniform, always salute as under:

(a) **Subaltern Officers**
Salute all Officers of Field Rank or above.

(b) **Other Ranks**
Salute all Officers both regular and H.K.V.D.C.

4. APPLICATIONS
All Ranks are reminded of the correct method of making applications for leave, resignation etc.

(a) Leave off 1/2 day training & Camps.

Direct to Commandant, endorsed where applicable by the member's employer and/or supported by a medical certificate.

(b) All Other applications.
Direct to the Unit Commander, who will either deal with them himself or forward with comments to the Adjutant.

This order will be read out on parade by all Unit Commanders, and members should draw the attention of their employers to it.

5. APPOINTMENTS

(a) Captain V. C. Branson, M.B.E., M.C., to act as Advisory Officer to Nos. 5 and 6 Companies with effect from 15.5.41.

(b) Captain H. A. de B. Botelho to command No. 6 Company with effect 15.5.41.

(c) Lieut. C. D'Almeida Castro to command No. 5 Company with effect 15.5.41.

(d) Lieut. G. T. Salem to command Field Ambulance with effect 15.5.41.

(e) Captain N. Garland will perform the duties of O.C. Corps Artillery with effect from 16.5.41 during the absence on leave of Lt. Col. T. A. Martin.

6. UNIT COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE

All Unit Commanders (less Auxiliary) will attend a conference to be held by the Commandant in the Officers' Mess on Tuesday, 20th June, at 5.45 p.m.

7. PARADES

(a) **CORPS ARTILLERY**

1. Specialist Classification

The under-mentioned have been tested and have been classified as stated:—

Sgt. Lloyd, N.O. 2nd Bty.

Mechanist.

L/Bdr. W. G. Long, 2nd Bty.

Mechanist.

Gnr. Clemow, W.P. 1st Bty.

Mechanist.

Gnr. Lipkowsky, B. 1st Bty.

Engine Driver, Class I.

Bdr. A. Smith, 4th Bty. Engine

Lever, Class I. (Ruston Engine

only).

II. Refresher Course

Sun. 18th May. No. 7 Hut, St

John's Place. 9.30 a.m. Those de-

tailed.

III. 1st Battery
Tues. 20th May. H.Q. 2 p.m. All Secs. Training at D'Aguiar, D.E.L. to Wellington Bks. Dress as usual with helmet.

Thurs. 22nd May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. B.C.A. and signals. Dress—Muffl.

IV. 2nd Battery
Tues. 20th May. D.E.L. School. 5.30 p.m. D.E.L. Personnel. D.E.L. training. Dress—Muffl and S.D. caps to be carried.

Thurs. 22nd May. H.Q. 1.45 p.m. R. Sec. No. 1. Fatigue Party. 1/2 day training. Remainder. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Dress as laid down, with helmets.

V. 3rd Battery
Thurs. 22nd May. H.Q. 2 p.m. All Secs. for Aberdeen. Dress as usual with helmets.

VI. 4th Battery
Tues. 20th May. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. All Secs. General battery drill and instruction. Dress as usual but helmets instead of S.D. caps.

Thurs. 22nd May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. Dress—S.D. cap, web belt. Musketry instruction.

Orderly Sgt. for the week—Sgt. F. Thomson.

Next for duty—Sgt. A. Bone.

VII. 5th A.A. Battery
Tues. 20th May. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. No. 1 Sec. 1/2 day training at Saiwan. Dress as laid down, with helmets.

Tues. 20th May. St. John's Place. 5.30 p.m. No. 2 Sec. Lecture. Dress—Muffl.

Thurs. 22nd May. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. No. 2 Sec. 1/2 day training at Saiwan. Dress as laid down, with helmets.

Thurs. 22nd May. St. John's Place. 5.30 p.m. No. 1 Sec. Lecture. Dress—Muffl.

(b) **FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS**

Mon. 19th May. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Arms drill. Dress—Muffl.

Thurs. 22nd May. H.Q. St. John's Place. 2.15 p.m. Bridging exercise at Mt. Nicholson. Dress—Helmet, shirt, trousers, boots. Overall must be carried.

(c) **Corps Signals**

Mon. 19th May. H.Q. 5.20 p.m. (i) Classification Class. Preparation training. (ii) Cable working party and checking signal stores. (iii) Remainder. Signal training.

Wed. 21st May. H.Q. 2 p.m. (i) Those detailed. Classification Tests by Royal Corps of Signals. (ii) Remainder. Field Cable laying exercise. (iii) Night signal exercise. (iv) Dress—Battle order with helmets.

Fri. 23rd May. Govt. Trade School 2 p.m. W/T Class. There will be no evening parade.

(d) **Mobile Column**

Mon. 19th May. All Pns. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (i) Nos. 1 and 2 Pns. Classes A, B, C. V.G. recapitulation. Classes D & E. L.G. recapitulation. (ii) Nos. 3 & 4 Pns. S.B. respirator test and gas chamber. S.B.Rs. will be drawn from Cpl. Cairns. (iii) No. 5 Pn. Lecture. V.G. Elementary Principles. (iv) Dress—As previously ordered.

Wed. 21st May. H.Q. 2 p.m. All Pns. Kit inspection and T.O.E.T. Dress—Battle Order, topees. All N.C.O.s and men must parade with their full issue of clothing and equipment.

Fri. 23rd May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All Pns. (i) Nos. 1 & 2 Pns. Message writing. (ii) Nos. 3 & 4 Pns. Revolver instruction. (iii) No. 5 Pn. Revolver instruction. Revolvers will be drawn from Cpl. Cairns. (iv) Dress—As previously ordered.

(e) **No. 1 Company**

Mon. 19th May. H.Q. 2 p.m. 1/2

day training. Dress as usual. Helmet, mess tin and trousers will be brought.

Fri. 23rd May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Weapon training.

(f) **No. 2 Company**
Tues. 20th May. Kowloon Docks. 5.30 p.m. No. 6 Pn. Weapon training.

Wed. 21st May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (i) M.G. Pn. L.G. training. (ii) L.G. Pn. Rifle. (iii) N.C.O.s. Sand Table exercise.

Fri. 23rd May. H.Q. 2 p.m. Company parade. Dress—Battle Order. Helmet will be worn. Trousers in Haversacks.

(g) **No. 3 Company**

Mon. 19th May. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Dress—Fighting Order. Waterbottle filled. Helmets.

Thurs. 22nd May. St. John's Place. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls. Training as per Company programme.

(h) **No. 4 Company**

Mon. 19th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Classes 1 and 2. Sand Table exercise. Remainder L.G. Instruction as per Company programme.

Tues. 20th May. Murray Parade Ground. 5.15 p.m. Recruits and those detailed.

Wed. 21st May. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. 1/2 day training. Helmets to be worn.

Fri. 23rd May. Murray Parade Ground. 5.15 p.m. Recruits and those detailed.

(i) **No. 5 Company**

Mon. 19th May. Kowloon R Station. 2.15 p.m. Dress—Boots, trousers, shirt, helmet, webbing equipment and mess tin.

Fri. 23rd May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. One period only. M.G. Secs. L.A. 3rd and 4th positions (blind folded). L.G. Secs. Advance handling duties of Nos. 1 and 2 Part II.

(j) **No. 6 Company**

Tues. 20th May. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. T.O.E.T. (continued).

Fri. 23rd May. H.Q. 2 p.m. Dress—Boots, trousers, shirts, helmet and webbing equipment.

(k) **No. 7 Company**

Mon. 19th May. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. No. 25 Pn. L.L. instruction. No. 26 Pn. L.G. instruction, probable stoppages.

Fri. 23rd May. H.Q. 2 p.m. Training at D'Aguiar. Helmets will be worn.

(l) **Army Service Corps Company**

Mon. 19th to Sat. 24th May. Duty Officers as detailed. Transport and Supplies Sections daily as detailed. Dress as ordered.

Thurs. 22nd May. Buses from Queen's Pier 5.20 p.m. Lecture on Elementary mechanics. Dress as usual.

Sun. 25th May. Jordan Road Vehicular Ferry (Kowloon). 8.45 a.m. All-day exercise (compulsory for Transport and Supply sections). Dress—Shorts, shirts, boots, puttees, belt and topees. Steel helmets and respirators must be carried.

(m) **Field Ambulance**

Wed. 21st May. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Dress—Helmet, shirt, shorts, puttees, hosestops, boots, webbing belt.

CHRIST CHURCH CONCERT

The forthcoming Christ Church Concert promises to provide an exceptionally good evening's entertainment—thanks to the large number of first-class artists who are so generously giving their services.

The programme will include solo and trio items by Miss Caroline and Mr. John Braga, assisted by Mr. G. A. Goodban, songs by Mr. Gaston d'Aquino, Captain Thompson and Miss Pauline Chow, humorous and serious vocal duets by Mr. Maurice Barton and Mr. J. R. M. Smith and several vocal quartet items in which Miss B. M. Bicheno will also sing. Mr. Palappo, the saxophonist, has also consented to take part in the programme and to play the well-known Saxophone Rhapsody. Mr. E. O'Neill Shaw will be at the piano.

The fact that Mr. Freddie Archer has agreed to present the programme is an additional guarantee that the evening's entertainment will go with a swing.

The concert will be held in St. Andrew's Hall, by kind permission of the Rev. H. Wittenbach, on Friday, May 23 at 8.45 p.m. Tickets are already on sale at \$2.00 and \$1.00 and may be obtained from Tsang Fook's or from the vicar and members of Christ Church. The proceeds of the concert will be given to the Victoria Diocesan Missionary Association to help missionary, medical, educational and relief work in South China.

(n) **Pay Section.**

Thurs. 22nd May. Command H.Q. Sub-Section I. Dress—Uniform.

Fri. 23rd May. Command H.Q. Sub-Section II. Dress—Uniform. (o) **Fortress Signal Company.**

Wed. 21st May. Exchange Building 2.30 p.m. Manning as detailed.

(p) **Hong Kong Engineering Corps**
Mon. 19th May. Kowloon Dock Club. 5.45 p.m. Third lecture on bomb disposal to Officers and N.C.O.s.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

L/Cpl. E. Tuck, A.S.C. Coy., to be Cpl. 7.5.41; L/Cpl. H. V. Pearce, A.S.C. Coy., to be Cpl. 7.5.41; S/Sgt. F. C. Young, Pay Sec., to be S.Q.M.S. 9.5.41; Sgt. M. B. Rakusen, Pay Sec., to be S/Sgt. 9.5.41; Pte. W. R. Greebhalgh, Pay Sec., to be Cpl. 16.5.41; L/Cpl. H. O. Gillies, No. 2 Coy., to be Pte. 10.5.41; Pte. Jalal Din, Sp. Gd. Coy., to be Cpl. 12.5.41; Pte. W. Sharp, No. 2 Coy., to be L/Cpl. 10.5.41; Pte. I. M. Macrae, No. 2 Coy., to be L/Cpl. 10.5.41; L/Bdr. L. L. Rocha, 4th Bty., to be Bdr. 13.5.41; L/Bdr. I. S. A. Curreen, 4th Bty., to be Bdr. 13.5.41; L/Bdr. Y. K. Tam, 4th Bty., to be Bdr. 13.5.41; Gnr. S. Ho, 4th Bty., to be L/Bdr. 13.5.41; Gnr. F. H. Yung, 4th Bty., to be L/Bdr. 13.5.41; Gnr. L. A. Xavier, 4th Bty., to be L/Bdr. 13.5.41; Pte. Tang Tung Hoi, No. 4 Coy., to be L/Cpl. 15.5.41; Cpl. A. L. Cole, A.S.C. Coy., to be Sgt. 15.5.41.

* At his own request.

TRANSFERS

Major S. Jarvis, M.C., from Port Coys. H.Q. to Corps H.Q. 14.4.41; Major L. T. Rde, from Fd. Amb. to Corps H.Q. 14.5.41; Captain F. P. Sequeira, from No. 6 Coy. to Corps H.Q. 14.5.41; Captain V. C. Branson, M.B.E., M.C., from No. 4 Coy. to Port. Coys. H.Q. 15.5.41; Captain H. A. de B. Botelho, from No. 5 Coy. to No. 6 Coy. 14.5.41; Signm. G. W. Carr, from Corps Sigs. to Stanley Pn. 14.5.41; Sgt. F. H. Neale, from Mob. Coln. to Unit Res. 15.5.41; Gnr. H. Foy, from 2nd Bty. to Pay Sec. 16.5.41.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

Signm. C. R. Lawrence, Corp. Signals, 19.3.41; Pte. V.H.C. Jarrett, A.S.C. Coy., 2.4.41; Pte. V. V. MacDonnell, A.S.C. Coy., 10.4.41; Gnr. Sze-To Fook, 3rd Bty., 18.4.41; Gnr. Fung Sin, 5th A.A. Bty., 28.4.41; Pte. C. Spradbery, A.S.C. Coy., 2.5.41; Sgt. J. Hackney, A.S.C. Coy., 7.5.41; Pte. K. G. McKenzie, Mob. Coln., 7.5.41; Gnr. J. J. C. McDonald, 5th A.A. Bty., 25.4.41; Pte. C. A. Silva-Netto, No. 6 Coy., 25.4.41; Pte. A. L. Jorge, A.S.C. Coy., 6.11.41.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

Gnr. Cheung Wing Yee, 5th A.A. Bty. 6.5.41; Pte. C. M. Knaggs, Mob. Coln., 9.5.41. E. N. THURSBY, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICES

Officers' Mess Meeting. A Special Officers' Mess Meeting will be held at St. John's Place Hut No. 6 on Thursday, 22nd May at 6 p.m. All Officers not on duty will attend.

Lecture. A lecture will be given to all Officers by G.3 H.Q. C.C. on conclusion of the Officers' Mess Meeting on 22nd May.

Sergeants' Mess Committee Meeting. Sergeants' Mess Committee Meeting will be held on Wed., 21st May at 5.30 p.m. All unit representatives will attend.

Service Rate for Cinemas. By kind permission of General Amusements Ltd. the Service Rate is available to Volunteers in uniform at the Queen's Theatre (Cents 70 for Back Stalls).

AFFILIATED UNIT

NURSING DETACHMENT,

H.K.V.D.C.

Lecture. Fri. 23rd May. A.R.P. H.Q. Happy Valley. 5.30 p.m. A.R.P. lecture. Transport leaves Queen's Pier 5.20 p.m.

Attachment to Military Hospital for Training. Mrs. R. S. Mabb, 22.4.41-5.5.41.

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BASEBALL NINES GET READY FOR SEASON

Six Entries Assured For League

H.B.-Tulsa Clash At Caroline Hill Tomorrow

By "Grandstand"

THREE FRIENDLY tilts are on the card for the week-end, the Tulsa team being featured in a double-header with a clash against Royal Engineers at 2.30 p.m. to-day and a game with the strong Hong Kong Brewers nine to-morrow at 10 a.m. South China tangle with U.S.S. Mindinao at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow to complete the programme. All games will be staged at the Caroline Hill park.

The Leonardmen are a-rarin' to take on the Tulsamen in their first serious encounter this season, and although this will be Madeen "Slim" Arculli's first pitching assignment this year, he already appeared to be in mid-season form at a recent workout. Brother Obea will be at the other end of the battery.

The line-up which has been given to me may seem to be a bit on the screwy side, but it is probably in the nature of positional try-outs.

For instance, George Souza, whose favourite alley is in the short-stop gap, will be seen on the right of the middle cushion, whilst Tony "Peewee" Alves will be holding the windy alley. Jim-doo "Musclebound" Hussain will be guarding the initial satchel, whilst the "Bum" will take care of the hot-corner. Hank "Showboat" Ali, Art Ozorio and "Baby" Abbas will be the outfielders.

Good Game Promised

The Tulsamen will probably start MacLanahan or Strickland against the Brewery Bombers, depending on who will toe the rubber against the Sappers, whilst the rest of the infield will be Red Simmons receiving, Germonito at first-base, Terry at second, Maxie Maxwell at third and Quinn at short-stop. The gardeners will be chosen from Peterson, Richardson and "Bolo" Ozajac, Norton and Scott.

Since this has all the earmarks of a good scuffle, a trip out to Caroline Hill to-morrow will not be wasted.

South China Team

Royal Engineers' line-up against the Tulsamen will probably be Lefty Sarsfield and Tom Fox battery, supported by Shaw, Welford, Heath and Taylor in the infield, whilst Foley, Ratcliffe and Hey will be out in the pastures.

South China's line-up will be selected from the following: Tommy Chan, Wally Ching, Nip Lum, Hal Winglee, Nelson Ma, Ng Chun-wah, "Smalley" Pang, "Dopey" Lo, Cecil Winglee, I. C. Wong, Kwan and relief-hurler Pau. The Mighty Ski will be tossing them in for the Mindinao outfit with Tony Muscavage behind the batter.

Season's Prospects

Managers are reminded that there will be a meeting at the Texas Company's Office, Asia Life Building, at 6.00 p.m. in connection with the forthcoming league.

During the past few weeks, several teams have been seen in action in friendly tilts, and as things are shaping up, the League is assured of at least six entries.

U. S. S. Mindinao, pennant winners last year, and Hong Kong Brewers, who staged their dog-fight with the champs, up to the wire, will be at each others' throats again, whilst Royal Engineers and South China will also be putting up teams. Although the Canadians and Chung Hwa, both teams having been seen in friendlies lately, are new names, the players are by no means new to the League, most of them having played under other colours in previous campaigns.

This Year's Rookies

As per custom, managers are scouting around for new material and untried talent, and as usual the new bunch of rookies have been dug up.

Probably the most valuable discovery is Bam Leonard's find

"LEAD'S" FORECAST

FIRST DIVISION

Recreio "A"	v. P.R.C.
C.C.C.	v. K.C.C.
C.S.C.C.	v. Recreio "B"
I.R.C.	v. K.B.G.C. "A"
K.D.R.C.	v. K.B.G.C. "B"

SECOND DIVISION

Recreio	v. P.O.C.
H.K.C.C.	v. K.T.G.C.A.
K.C.C.	v. H.K.F.C.
Taikoo R.C.	v. C.C.C.

THIRD DIVISION

C.C.C.	v. I.R.C.
K.B.G.C.	v. K.F.C.
H.K.F.C.	v. Recreio
P.R.C.	v. H.K.E.R.C.

of Artful Art Ozorio from the Softball circuit. Art Ozorio will be cavorting around the mid-way station for the H. B. squad in his first baseball year, and what is more important is that he clicks with George Souza, the flash on the other side of the bag.

Then there is the addition of youthful Johnnie Fisher to the Canadian team, and although lacking in experience, Fisher's slickwork should earn him a permanent berth on the team.

Grandpa Leung's Chung Hwa Maroons have acquired "Wee" Willie Woo, who has also been recruited from the softball league, and will probably be given a gardening berth.

"H.B." And "Mins"

Since it is a little too premature to be crystal gazing on only a few friendly performances and without a complete roster of each team, this corner will not go out on a limb and attempt to prophecy the flag-winners for this year, but we do know that the Brewers will be staging a serious attempt for the gonfalon this season, with almost the identical line-up which copped them the bunting a year ago, and also completed the loop last year in a photo-finish with the Mindinao — a race which took two play-offs to decide.

Former pitching ace, "Slim" Arculli, will be at the head of their pitching staff, with the Bam himself as the 'fireman'.

The Mindinao nine have been hard-hit by the loss of Cecil "Horseface" Douglas, probably the best first sacker seen on the local diamond, whilst "Poochie" Chase's absence from the keystone will also be sorely felt. The 'Minnies' will, therefore, start this season depending more than ever on their smoke-bull artists Ski Powlawski and Tony Muscavage. With Powlawski on the hill, half their troubles will be over, as the Pulverising Polack has only been beaten once on the hill, and that was when the slugging H. B. gang blasted him out of the box towards the end of last season.

Lau To Pitch?

The Sappers, having discovered a pitcher in Lefty Sarsfield, combined with their experience gained last season, should give a creditable showing this year.

Al Lau, former infielder of the Chinese Baseball Club, will have to bear most of the pitching burden for Chung Hwa, with Bill Chang catching. South China is still an unknown quantity, but it is almost certain that Wally Ching will be called upon to do mound duties for the team.

Two post-season Softball games have been arranged, the first will be played off at Stubbs Road, this afternoon, when the True Light Girls will tangle with the Cardinals at 4.00 p.m. whilst the Canuckettes meet the Standard-Vacuum Oilers at 4.00 p.m. at Laichikole to-morrow.

NO IMPORTANT MATCHES TO-DAY

By "Lead"

The best of to-day's senior bowls matches should be the K. D. R. C.-K.B.G.C. "B" fixture at Hung Hom, not because any vital issue is at stake but because these teams appear to be better matched than any other two opposing teams on the programme.

Notwithstanding the fact that they are playing on their own green, however, I do not think the Ducks will win. They are unfortunate in that they appear unable to turn out the same team every week.

Police achieved fame last year by beating their opponents of this afternoon, the Champions, but although they have not been altogether convincing in their two matches thus far, I don't think Recreio will slip up on this occasion, although the result might be fairly close.

I cannot see Civil Service beating the well-balanced Recreio "B" nor can I see K.C.C. beating Craigenower but I.R.C. on their own ground, should give K.B.G.C. "A" quite a lot to think about.

Second Division

In Second Division I expect Prison Officers to carry on their successful match, at the expense of Recreio, despite the fact that the latter, with no races this week



to drain their man-power, are somewhat stronger than they were last week.

Kowloon Tong should account for H.K.C.C., who have not yet managed to settle down, while Taikoo should redeem themselves for their defeat at the hands of K.F.C. last week, by taking it out of Craigenower, who will be strengthened by the inclusion of Ernie Zimmern and Luigi Souza. I cannot help thinking that K.C.C.'s recent form has been too bad to be true and I have a feeling that they will just pull it off against the Hong Kong Footballers.

Winning teams in Third Division should be I.R.C., K.B.G.C., H.K.F.C. and P.R.C.

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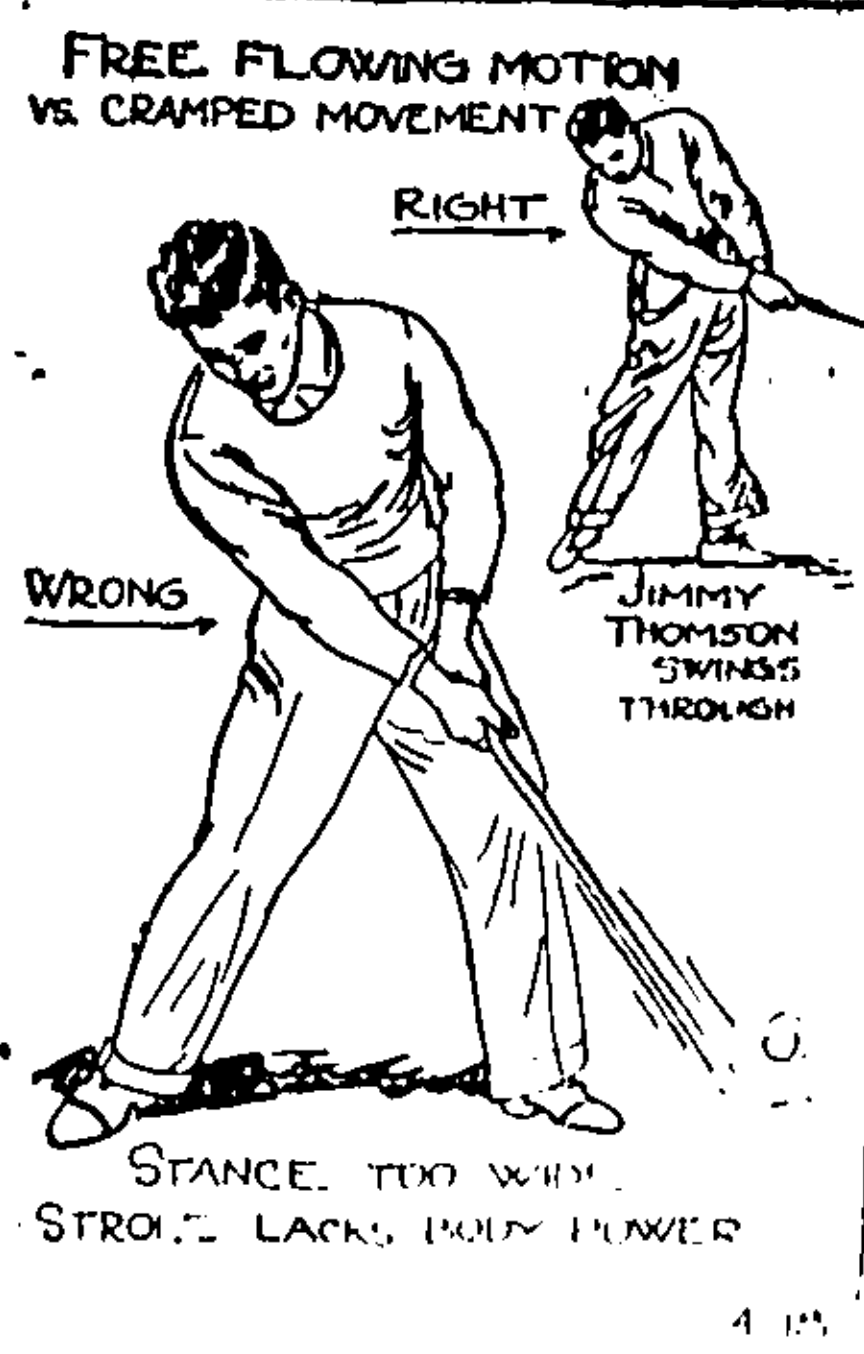


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GRAPHIC GOLF



SMOOTH SWINGING

BY BEST BALL

A player who assumes too wide a stance handicaps himself in many ways. His leg muscles are stiff, his midsection taut and unrelaxed, the muscles of the back and shoulders not as supple as they should be. All these combine to make the backstroke stiff but somewhat abbreviated and the downswing lacks the driving force that full body cooperation can give.

A narrower stance on the other hand (about the width of the shoulders apart for the drive) allows a more relaxed yet more powerful stroke. For a full body turn the midsection must be relaxed, the body must turn freely underneath the head which remains stationary. This allows a complete windup and a smooth downstroke with gradually accelerated speed. It also eases wear and tear on a player for the movement is smooth flowing instead of jerky.

Next Article:—Putting Stroke.

BILLY SOOSE BEATS OVERLIN

Billy Soose completed one of the ring's most fantastic flights to glory when he wrestled the middleweight title from veteran Ken Overlin by winning a unanimous 15-round decision before 13,000 fans in Madison Square Garden recently.

Soose, who was ready to hang up his gloves in disgust less than a year ago, outbumped the ex-champion to take an unpopular verdict in one of the duller middleweight championship fights ever staged.

During most of the bout the 31-year-old Overlin and the 23-year-old Soose fought like amateurs. They missed so many punches and the fans made nearly as much noise yelling for action as they did after the final gong in protesting the decision.

The new world champion had weighed in at 157½ pounds and Overlin, at 159½.

EDDIE PACO TO FIGHT

It was announced recently that Eddie Paco, Philippine boxer, will make his American ring debut in Stockton on May 20 against Nick Deposta. The bout is scheduled for 10 rounds.

THE AMERICAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, IN OPERATION FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS, HAS ADOPTED A NEW NAME AND A NEW FUNCTION, STATES A MESSAGE FROM NEW YORK.

Representatives of 64 sports groups organized the United States of America Sports Federation, in order to gain jurisdiction over U.S. participation in the First Pan-American Games, scheduled to be held at Buenos Aires in November, 1942. A constitution for the new body, prepared in advance, was adopted without a dissenting vote.

In essence, the organization will be the same self-perpetuating organization as the American Olympic Association, but with broader powers. The only major change provides that, instead of exercising its functions through the American Olympic Committee, it will operate through two similar committees, one to govern Olympic participation and one for the Pan-American Games.

Avery Brundage of Chicago, Joseph E. Raycroft, of Princeton, N. J. and Gustavus Town Kirby, and Frederic Ruben of New York hold the principal offices. — Reuter.

\$45,000 SOCCER PLAYER

Carlos Carvalho, centre forward of Brazil's Botafogo soccer champions was purchased from a Uruguayan club for \$45,000.



HAPPY LANDINGS' SUDDEN DEATH

Happy Landings, an old Australian subscription griffin, belonging to Ellandee, died this morning in rather unusual circumstances.

It was taken out for a gallop by Mr. W. H. S. Davis, which it did without giving any sign of impending trouble. At the end of the gallop the pony raced on slowly and it was not until it was near the one-and-a-half mile post that the incident developed. The pony suddenly collapsed, but it made an effort to get up, only to fall down again. Examination disclosed that the pony had died, evidently of heart failure, but the jockey was unhurt.



KOWLOON GOLF CLUB COMPETITION

A mixed competition has been arranged at the Kowloon Golf Club for Sunday, May 25. Singles will be played in the morning and foursomes in the afternoon.

The following are the starting times:

9.00 a.m.	Mrs. Kershaw v. A. Stott.
9.04 ..	Miss P. Whitley v. T. Lamb.
9.08 ..	Mrs. Low v. J. Coles.
9.12 ..	Mrs. P. Stott v. T. Low.
9.16 ..	Miss M. C. Churn v. F. C. Barry.
9.20 ..	Miss A. Sequeira v. W. Kershaw.
9.24 ..	Mrs. A. J. Kew v. A. A. Lopes.
9.28 ..	Mrs. W. S. Hillier v. W. V. Ahern.
9.32 ..	Mrs. A. E. Castro v. A. J. Dennis.

SHELL SPORTS CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

The First Annual-General meeting of the Shell Sports Club was held yesterday on the Club premises and presided over by Mr. J. K. Bousfield, the president.

The report and the statement of accounts, which are in a healthy condition, were adopted.

After the general business of the meeting was over the prizes of the various competitions held during the year, were distributed by Mrs. Kong Yuk-tong, wife of the vice-chairman of the Club.

Following were elected to the new committee:—

President—Mr. J. K. Bousfield.
Vice-President—Mrs. S. L. Lloyd.
Chairman—Mr. G. M. Park.
Vice-Chairman—Mr. Kong Yuk-tong.

Committee—Messrs. A. R. Kitchell, N. Spence, H. Winglee, C. M. Xavier.

Hon. Secretary—Mr. D. E. Santos.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. Ng Tse-tat.

Following are winners in the Club's tournaments:—

Ladies' Table-Tennis Championship:—

Winner: Mrs. O. Burnett; Runner-up: Mrs. B. R. Kew.

Ladies' Darts Championship:—Winner: Miss L. G. Ablong; Runner-up: Miss S. Baskett.

4-A-Side Table Tennis:—Cheuk Kwai-chuen, H. de Sa, H. Winglee and Cheng Ad-chung.

4-A-Side Darts:—M. Pollock, A. F. Boyza, Ong Choo-kim and Taul Wing-chu.

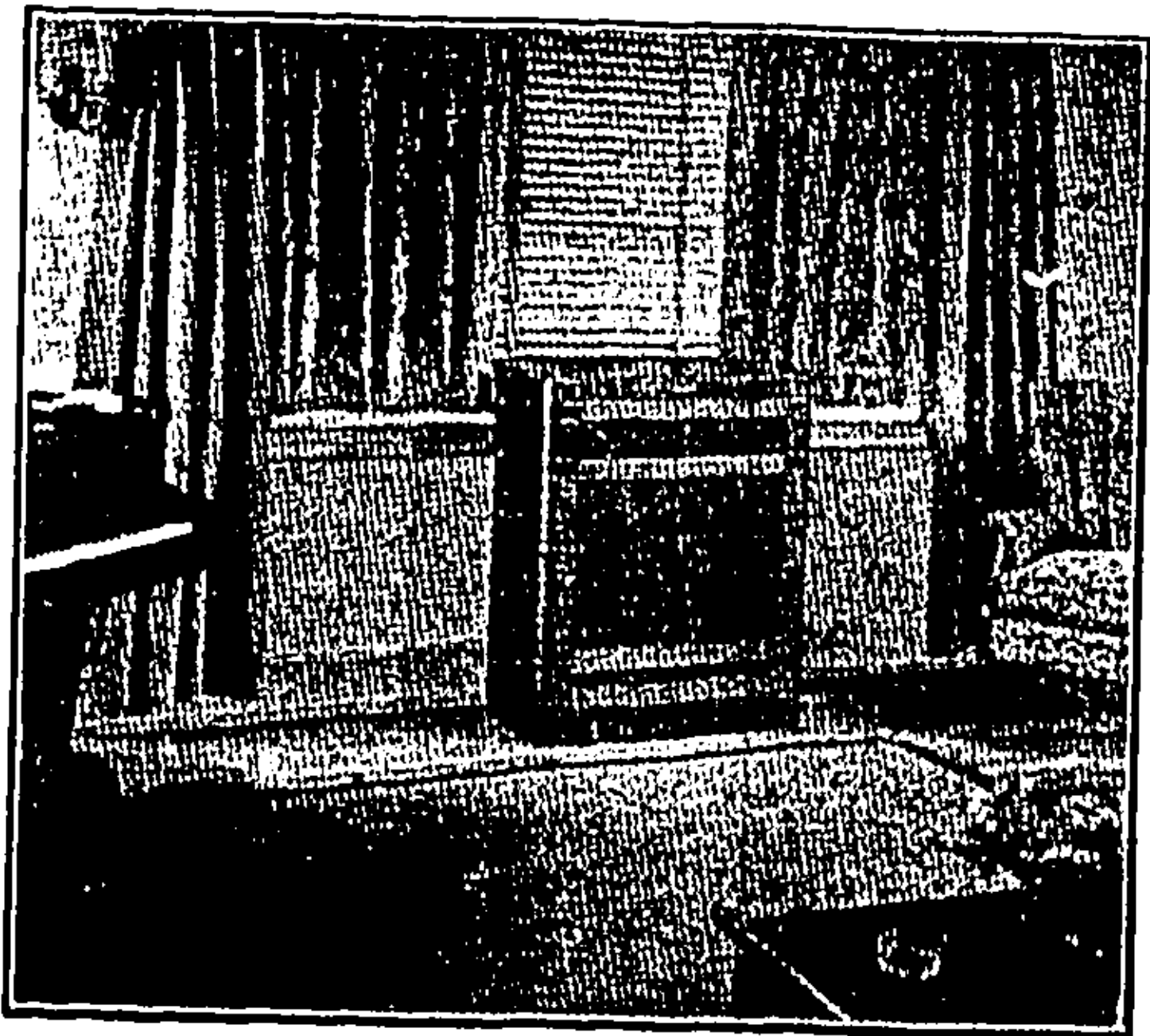
Inter-Sectional Table-Tennis (The Daniel Bau's Memorial Challenge Cup) Charges Section:—N. Spence, F. X. Silva, M. A. Wahab, H. de Sa, A. E. Ablong Jr. and Poon Sai-fong.

Senior Table-Tennis Championship:—Winner: Wong Tsun; Runner-up: Cheuk Kwai-chuen.

Junior Table-Tennis Championship:—Winner: Wai Yum-chee; Runner-up: A. M. da Silva.

Men's Darts Championship:—Winner: Pang Wai-kam; Runner-up: Wai Yum-tong.

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R.A.F. BOMBS SYRIA

Heavy Damage Inflicted On Three French Dromes

Many Nazi 'Planes Are Destroyed

THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN LONDON ON THURSDAY THAT GENERAL WAVELL HAD BEEN GIVEN A FREE HAND TO DEAL WITH GERMAN PENETRATION INTO SYRIA, FOLLOWED BY UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF BRITISH ACTION AGAINST FRENCH AERODROMES IN THAT COUNTRY, NOW HAVE A SEQUEL IN AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BRITAIN HAS ALREADY STARTED TO MOVE AGAINST THE NAZIS IN THE FORMER MANDATED TERRITORY.

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PETAIN AS SEEN IN BERLIN

Marshal Petain's broadcast to the French people on Thursday was received with lively attention in Berlin, where the message is seen in local political circles as a recognition of European collaboration, says the German official news agency quoted by Berlin radio last night. — Reuter.

The announcement, made in an official communique issued by R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters in Cairo last night, reveals that three aerodromes in Syria have been attacked by R.A.F. bombers.

The attack, which was carried out on Thursday, was made on the aerodromes at Palmyra, Damascus and Rayak.

At Palmyra three Junkers and two other German aircraft and one Italian Capri plane were machine-gunned and at least three machines severely damaged and one burnt out.

R.A.F. bombers also raided aerodromes in Nazi-occupied Greece, whence, presumably, German planes are being sent to Syria.

Large Fires

Full details are not available of the R.A.F. attacks on Syrian aerodromes, according to an official communique issued in Cairo.

It says that preliminary reports show that large fires were started

on one of the aerodromes and that a considerable number of enemy aircraft were destroyed.

The communique further states that on May 13 and May 14, eight German aircraft were destroyed over Crete by R.A.F. fighters.

Fierce attacks on enemy mechanised units and troop concentrations in Cyrenaica on Thursday were mentioned in the communique which states:

Desert Success

"Between Sollum and Halfaya the enemy is constantly harassed by bomb attacks.

"Between Bardia and Tobruk our fighters machine-gunned motor transport, causing considerable damage, and destroyed ammunition and petrol lorries."

Raids with large fires on Benghazi are also recorded by the communique, which describes a series of raids by aircraft of a Rhodesian Squadron on Amba Alagi, while Free French machines bombed Gondar aerodrome. — Reuter.

"We have grown tired apologising to the people who tread on our corns. A good many people in this country would not have been displeased if Mr. Eden's words had been even more blunt," comments an "Evening News" leader entitled "Retort Courteous" on Mr. Eden's statement to Parliament regarding the Japanese complaint that they cannot buy everything they want in British territories, while trampling on British rights in China.

"A study of our diplomacy in the last years may have given them reason to think that we would instantly apologise and hand them the key of the door," the "Evening News" leader added. — Central News.

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FREE FRENCH COHORTS ARE WAITING

In the course of a broadcast appeal to Syria last Thursday night, General Catroux, Free French representative in the Middle East, revealed that 800 tons of arms and ammunitions, drawn from French stores at Baalbeck, had been sent to Baghdad.

Enemy planes had landed at Beirut, Rayak, Aleppo and Damascus.

Seventeen enemy aircraft landed at Mizze airfield in the course of a single morning.

General Catroux concluded: "If you choose to take up arms to chase out the enemy, I am at your gates with eager French cohorts." — Reuter.

WASHINGTON BREAKING WITH VICHY REGIME

(Continued from Page 1)
A remark that his appeal to the French people was made over the heads of the Vichy Government, brought a reply that his statement on Thursday night must speak for itself.

President Roosevelt then suggested that the State Department be asked whether the United States might take action under its agreement with other Latin American nations towards taking over some European Colonies in the western hemisphere if threatened with a change of sovereignty. — Reuter.

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